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**Extending the world's most comprehensive  
semiconductor quantum device simulation tool  
to model quantum computing gates**

Project Started in April 2002

This research was carried out by at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, California Institute of Technology  
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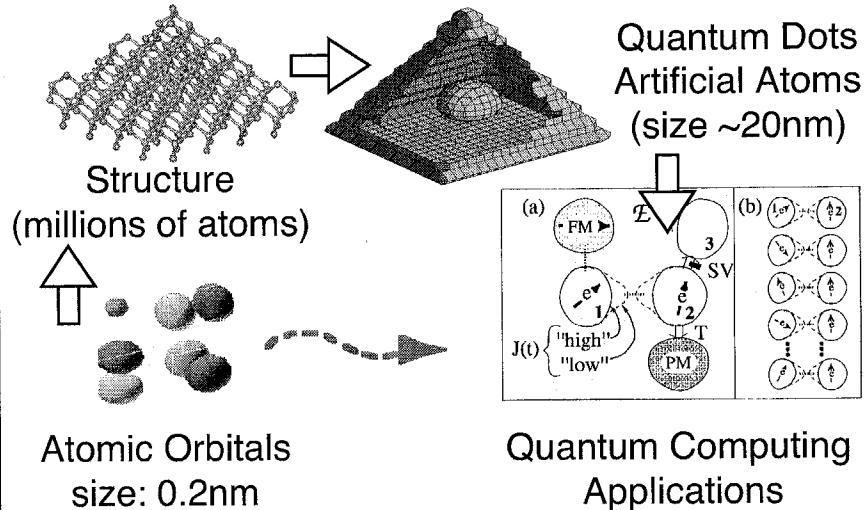
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## Objective

- Narrow experimental qubit parameter space
- Development of a comprehensive suite of modeling tools for solid state qubit devices
- Atomic level material description.
- Charge and spin coherent devices.
- Charge and spin transport in NEMO 1-D.
- Electronic structure in NEMO 3-D.
- Compute interactions and decoherence.



## Approach

- Leverage about 50,000 hours NEMO 1-D and 12,000 hours NEMO 3-D development.
- Incorporate capabilities to model SiGe (close tie to Wisconsin group, v. d. Weide)
- Incorporate atomistic treatment of magnetic fields and impurities in semiconductors.
- Incorporate many-body effects through Hartree & configuration interaction (3-D).
- Provide data to circuit simulation (Williams)

## Status

- Project started in April 2002
- Collaboration with Wisconsin on Si QDots.
- Completed atomistic SiGe parameterization.
- Atomistic magnetic field and charge interaction
- Theory of spin transport using NEGF
- Begun study of decoherence times in single and coupled quantum dots.
- 9 papers (submitted, in preparation, in print)

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## Progress on last year's objectives

- Incorporated external magnetic fields and charge interactions into NEMO 3-D.
- Studied the magnetic field induced spin effects and many body effects in coupled QDs.
- Completed the SiGe tight binding parameterization (VCA) and begin study QDs.
- Developed theory to spin transport across heterojunctions using NEGF.
- Begun study of decoherence times in single and coupled quantum dots.
- + Collaborated with Wisconsin group: confinement-based splitting of degenerate valleys.
- + Computed phonon spectra of quantum dot arrays in atomistic model including strain.
- + Hired new full time person: Dr. Seungwon Lee, Ohio State U, NCSA, UC Berkeley.

## Research plan for the next 12 months

- Continue to collaborate with Wisconsin group on Si/SiGe quantum dot designs
- Continue NEGF development for spin transport.
- Estimate spin de-coherence times in systems of individual and coupled quantum dots. Compare different material systems.
- Develop and implement open boundary conditions of various approximations in NEMO 3D

## Long term objectives (demonstrations)

- Demonstrate exploration of the design space of semiconductor QD-based qubit gates using realistic physics-based models.
- Aid experimentalists (like Wisconsin group) with design tool to narrow parameter space.
- Aid circuit theorists (like Colin Williams, JPL) with input to circuit design tools.



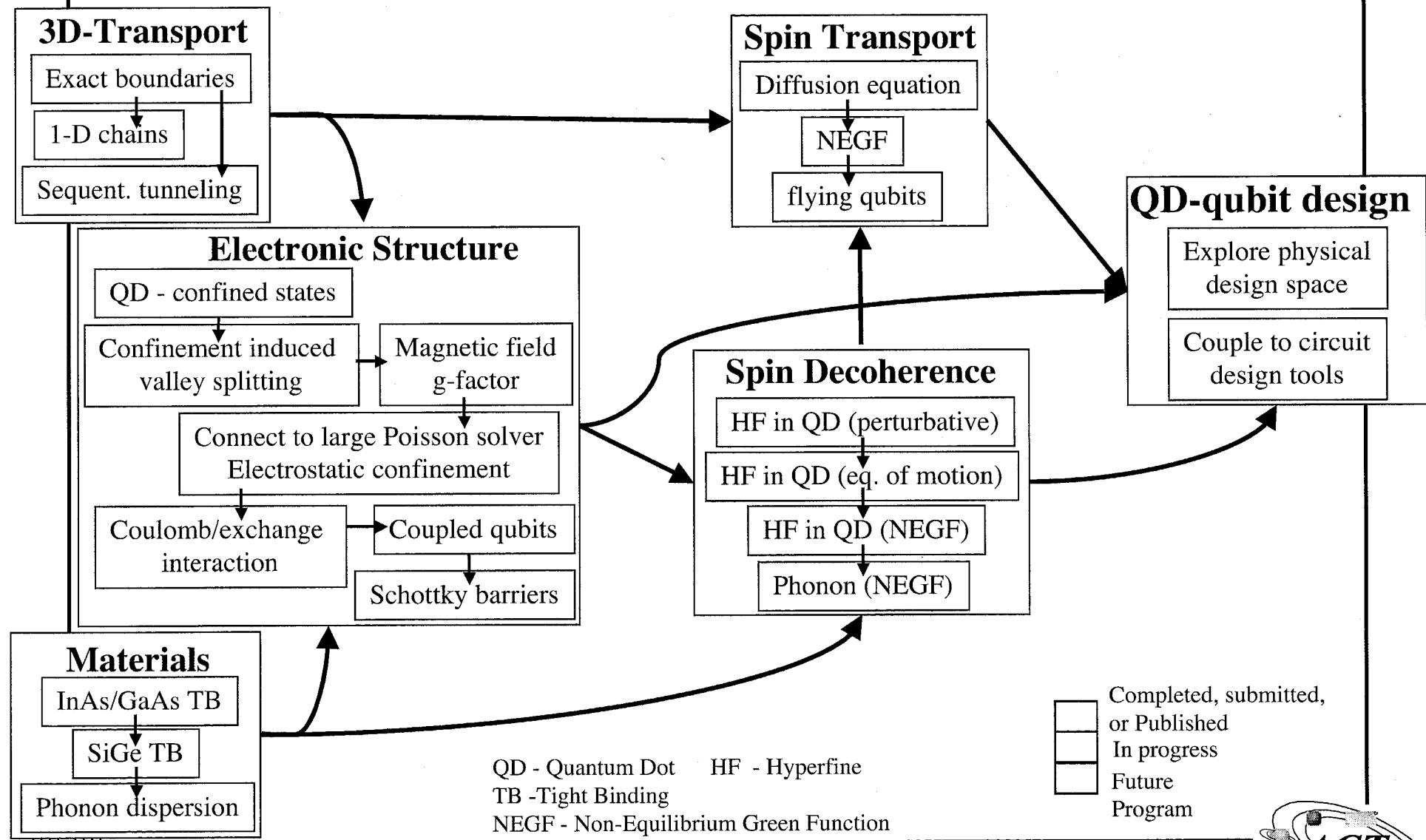
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# Roadmap to High Fidelity Simulation of Solid-State QC Gates 2003





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# Year 1 & 2 Milestone Chart

(after 16 months of work)

- **Milestone 1:** Establish at least one collaboration with an experimental group currently funded by ARDA to model issues on their experimental device structures.

- Developed theory of confinement induced state splitting (to be published)
- Simulation support for 3-D lateral quantum dot designs. Imported Wisconsin simulation data into NEMO 3-D.

- **Milestone 2 (year 1): External magnetic fields into 3-D.** (Completed)

- Software completed, incorporated new eigenvalue solvers.
- Study coupled quantum dots..

- **Milestone 3 (year 1): Parameterize the Si/Ge material system.**

- 3-D alloy treatment of SiGe implemented.
- Study of large scale quantum dots.

- **Milestone 4 (year 1): Hartree and Exchange into 3-D.**

- Software completed.
- Study of coupled dots.

- **Milestone X (year 2): Model spin transport in heterostructures.**

- Simulated time dependent spin precession across semiconductor interfaces (with drift diffusion).
- Developed non-equilibrium Green function based theory.

- **Milestone 5 (year 2): Study spin de-coherence times.**

- Begun work on hyperfine interaction.
- Compute phonon spectra in realistically sized atomistic system.

- **Milestone 6 (year 2): Compare different material systems.**

- Developed GaAs/InAs and Si/Ge parameterization.
- Study different device configurations.

- **Milestone 7 (year 2): Develop and implement open boundary conditions.**

- Begun prototype development.

- **Milestone 8 (year 2): Magnetic impurities and spontaneous spin polarization.**

- No work begun. After discussion with program management: will drop this milestone for increased support of experimental Wisconsin group.

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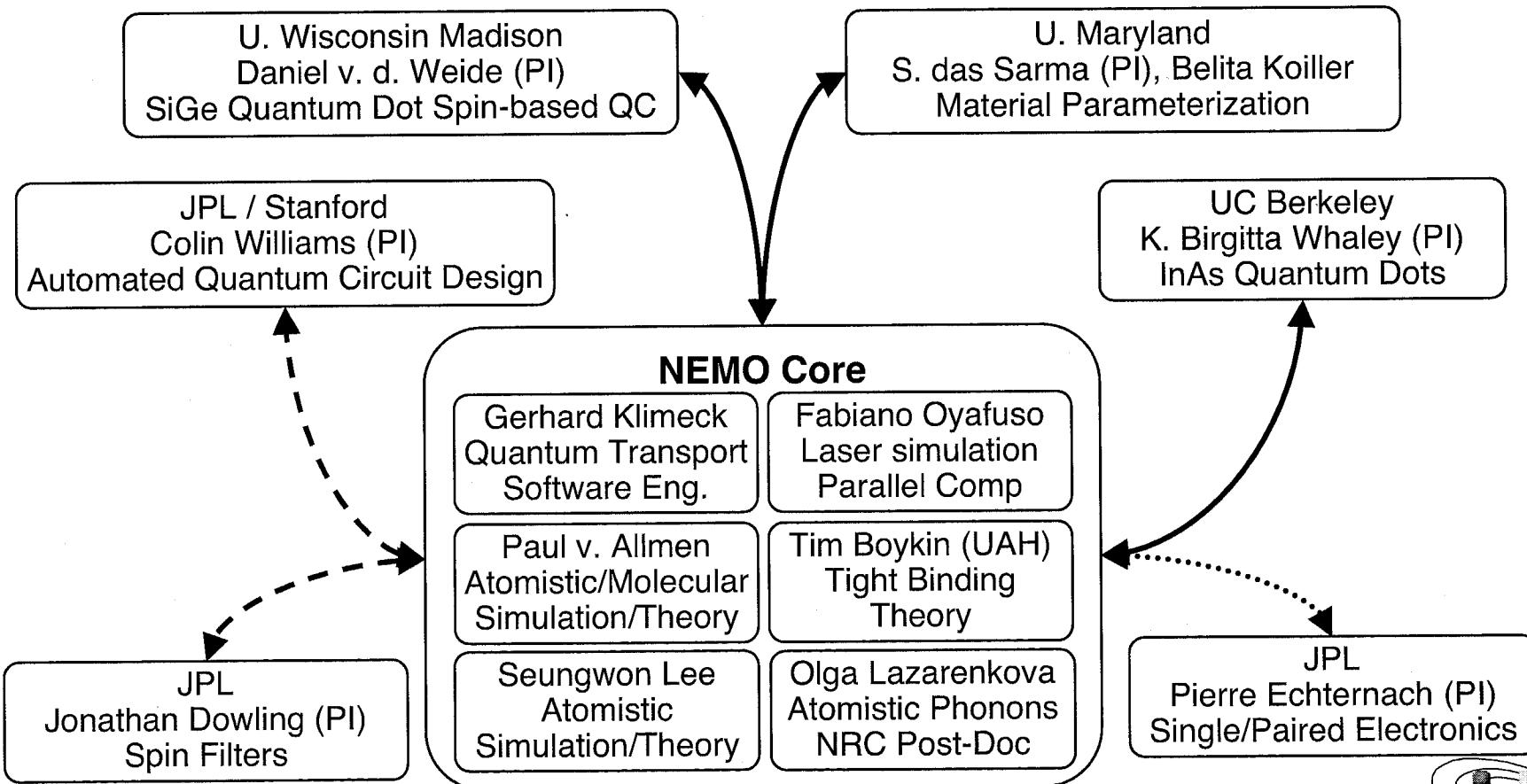
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# NEMO Team and Teaming within NSA/ARDA/ARO Quantum Computing Funding



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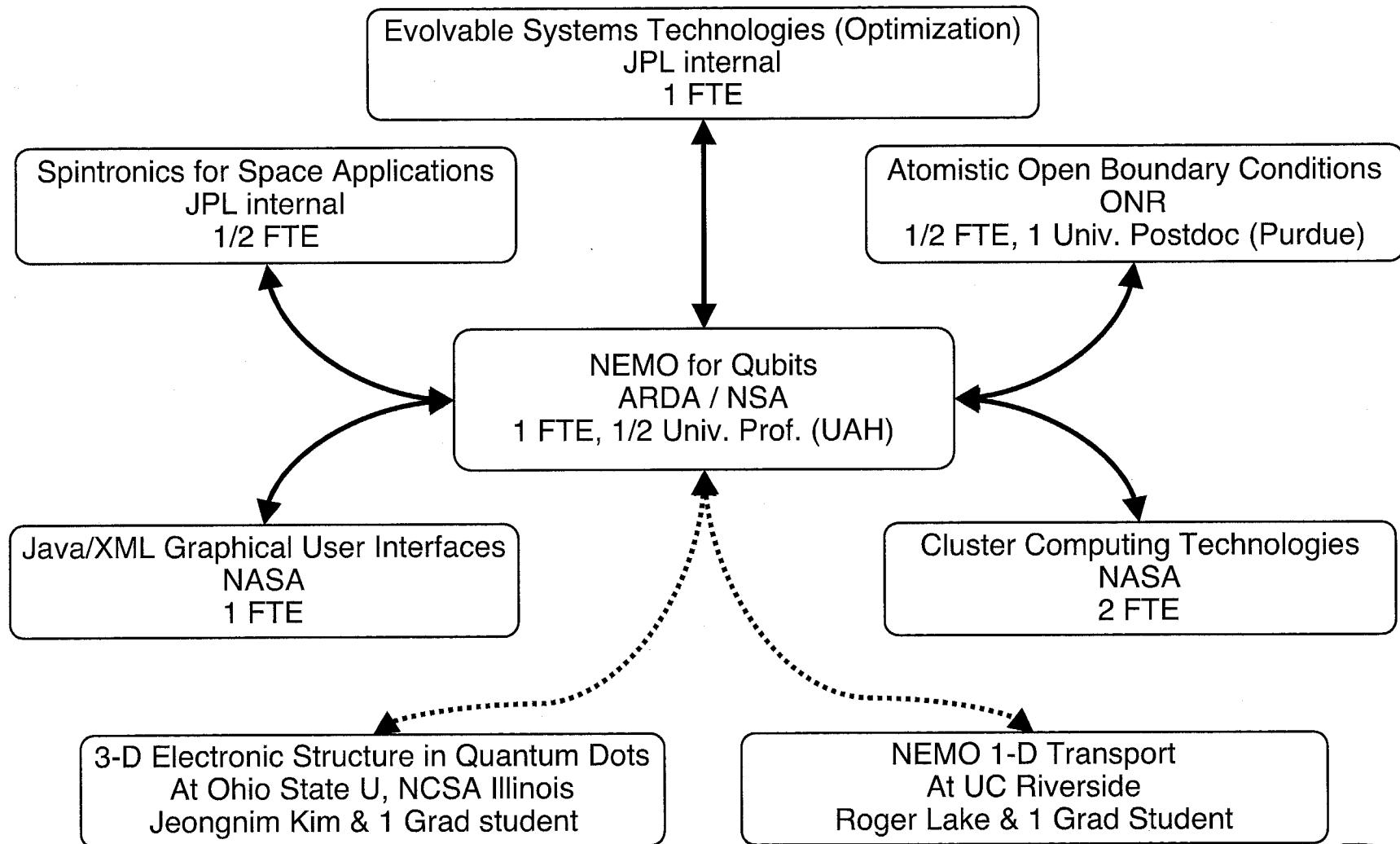
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# Existing Synergistic Projects / Funding



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# Simulation is essential for Quantum Devices

## Premise:

- A scalable quantum computer will be implemented in solid state devices.

## Hint from the Semiconductor Industry:

- No new devices / circuits designed without software!

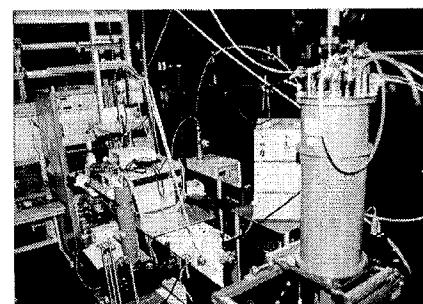
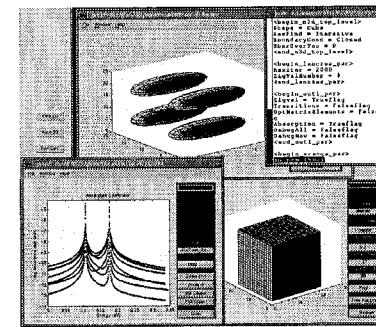
## Problems:

- There are no physical qubit design tools!
- Design space is huge
  - Choice of materials, shapes, orientations, dopings, heat anneals
- Characterizations are incomplete and invasive / destructive

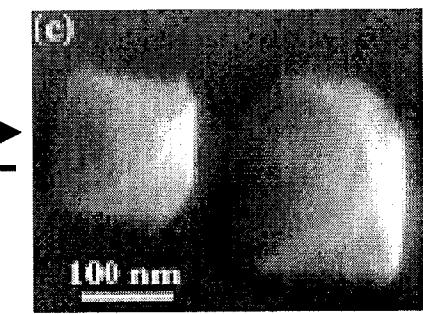
## Simulation Impact:

- Aid Design. Fast, cost effective.
  - > Device performance already successful for 1-D quantum devices
- Aid Characterization
  - Non-invasive, More accurate
  - > Structure and doping analysis already successful for 1-D quantum devices

## Simulation



## Characterization



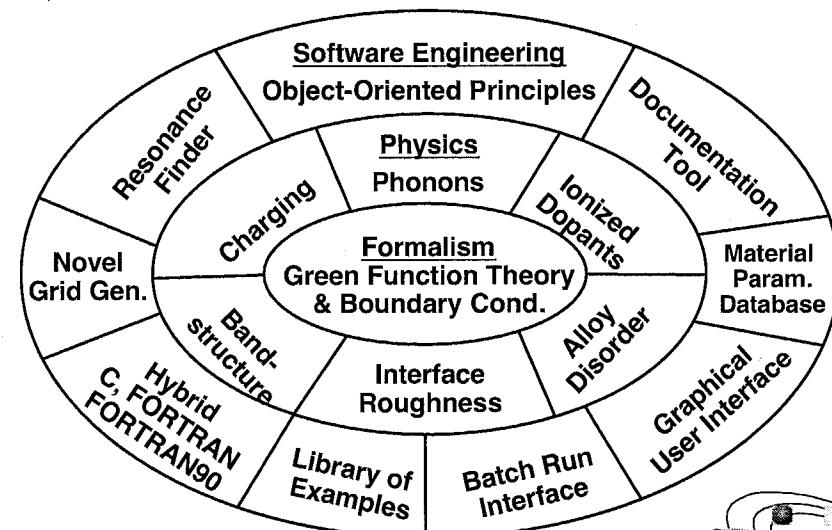
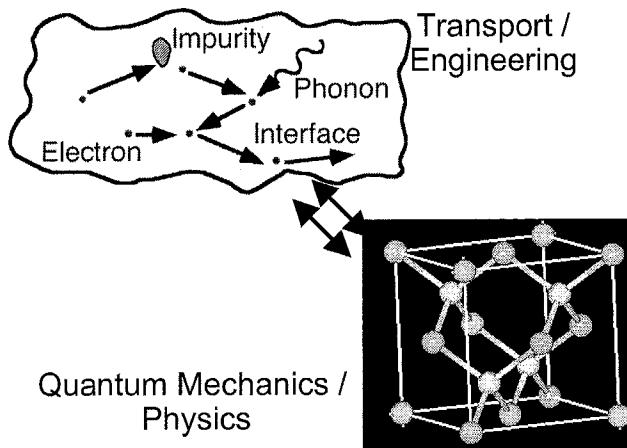
## Fabrication



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## NEMO: A User-friendly Quantum Device Design Tool

- NEMO 1-D was developed under a NSA/NRO contract to Texas Instruments and Raytheon from '93-'98 (>50,000 person hours, 250,000 lines of code).
- NEMO 1-D maintained and NEMO 3-D developed at JPL '98-'02 (>12000 person hours) under NASA funding. Since '02 NSA and ONR funding.
- NEMO is THE state-of-the-art quantum device design tool.
  - First target: transport through resonant tunneling diodes (high speed electronics).
  - Second target: electronic structure in realistically large nano devices (detectors).
  - Newly set target: qubit device simulation.
- Bridges the gap between device engineering and quantum physics.
- Based on Non-Equilibrium Green function formalism NEGF - Datta, Lake, and Klimeck.
- Used at Intel, Motorola, HP, Texas Instruments, and >10 Universities.



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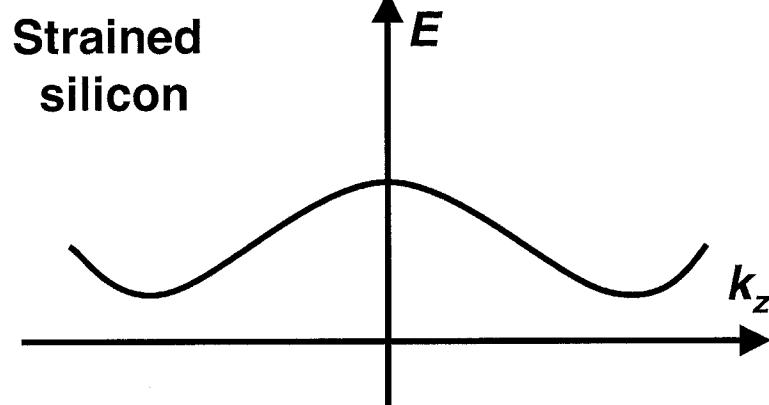
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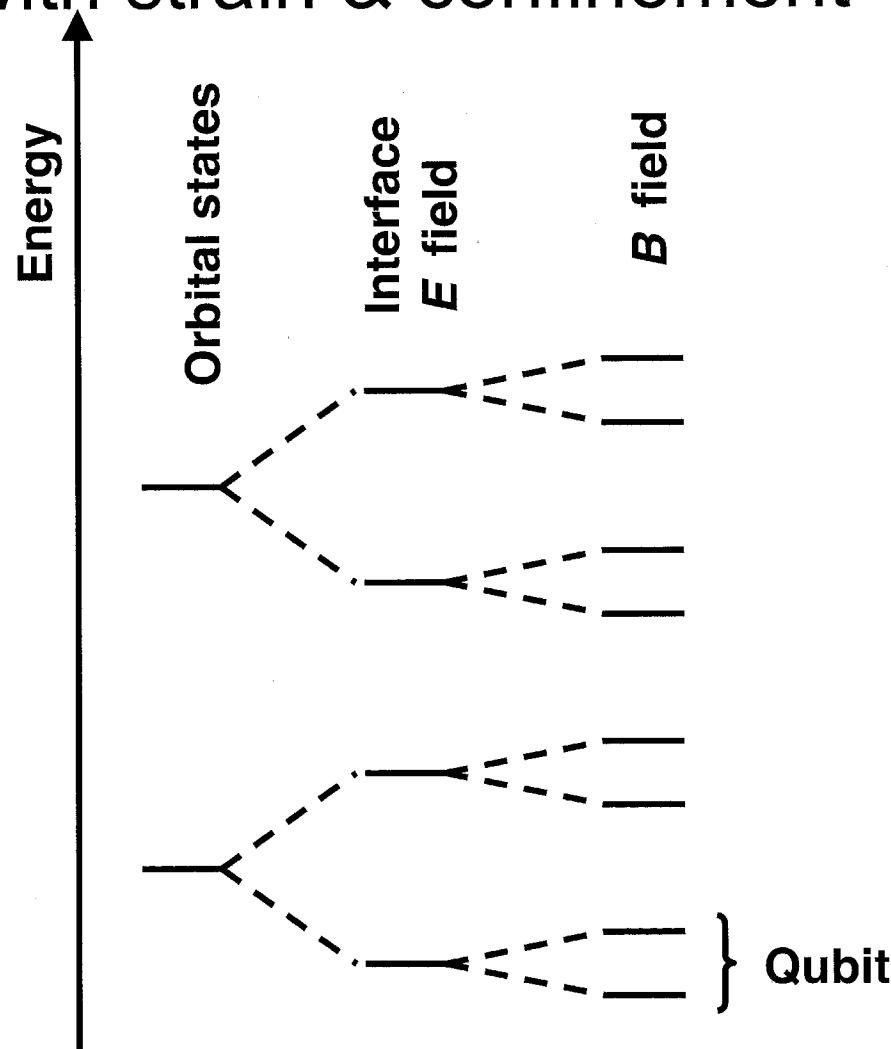
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# Quantum Dot Quantum Computing in Si: Lifting Degeneracies with strain & confinement



**Valley degeneracy in X direction is broken by interface and electric field**

**Are the qubit states separated enough from higher energy states?**

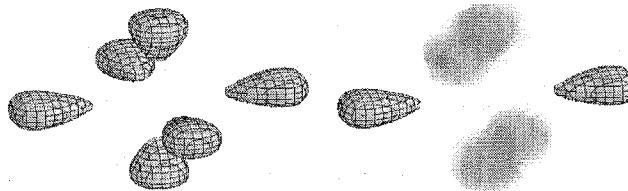




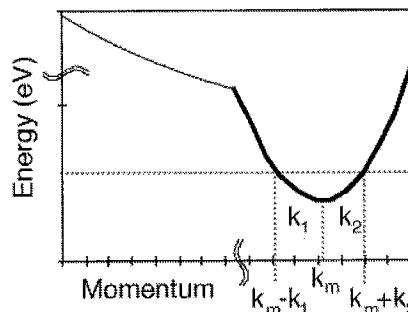
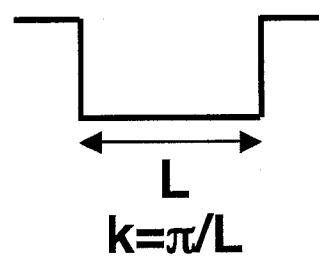
# Quantum Dot Quantum Computing in Si:

Lifting Degeneracies - strain & confinement

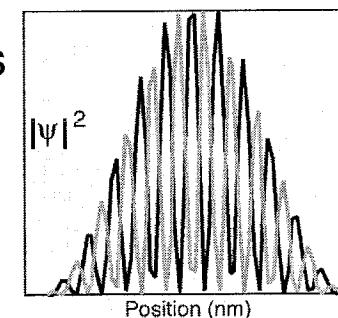
- Bi-axial strain on Si. Lifting 4 of the 6 degenerate valleys  $\Delta E > 100 \text{ meV}$



- Confinement in 1D: Valley Splitting  $\Delta E \sim 1 \text{ meV}$



4 propagating states  
↓  
2 bound states  
 $k_{1/2}$  envelope  
 $k_m$  fast oscillations



- Confinement in 3D: (1D heterostr. & 2D lat gates & mag. field)  $\Delta E \sim 0.1 \text{ meV}$





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# Magnetic-Field Effects on Confined States

- Study InAs/GaAs QDs
- Zeeman Interaction splits the levels into spin-up and -down levels.
- Effective g-factor ( $g^* = (E_{\uparrow} - E_{\downarrow})/\mu_B B$ )

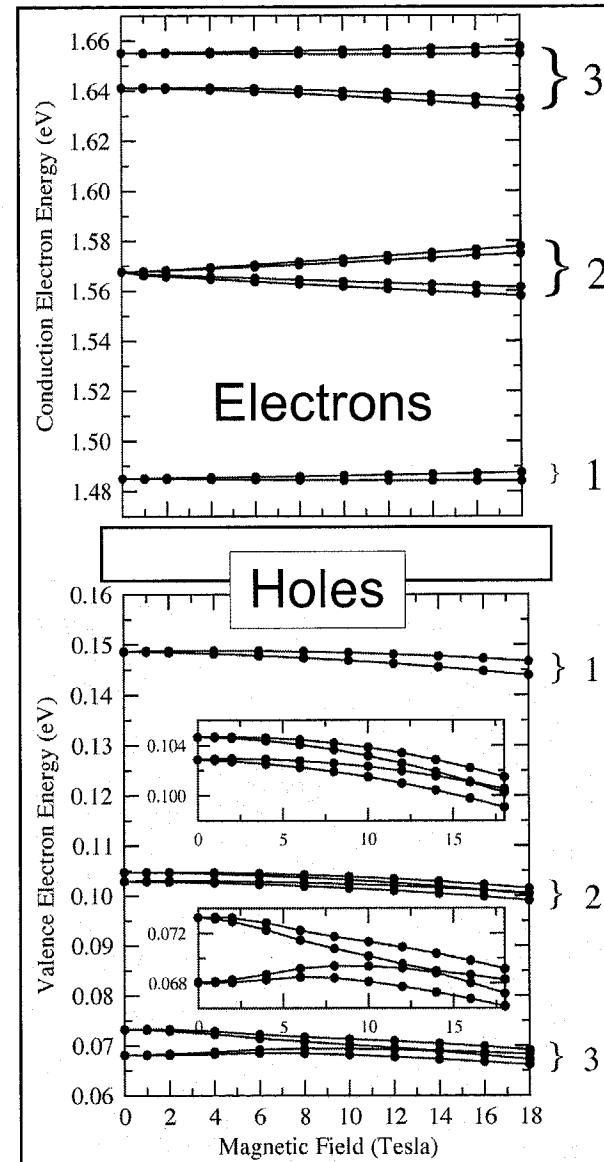
## Electrons:

- $g^*$  ranges from 2 to 3.5.
- InAs dot  $g^*$  is very different from  $g^*$  of InAs bulk (-15).
- Experimental measurements report  $g^*=0.5-1.6$  for InAs dots.

[Thornton et al., Appl. Phys. Lett. **73**, 354 (1999)]

## Holes:

- Zeeman interaction splits hole levels into  $J_z = 3/2$  and  $-3/2$  levels.
- Zeeman interaction couples closely-spaced hole levels.
- $g^*$  varies from 0.65 to 2.66



# Phonon Spectra based on Atomistic Simulations

## Objective:

- Calculate atomic vibration (phonon) spectrum of nanostructures

## Problem / Motivation:

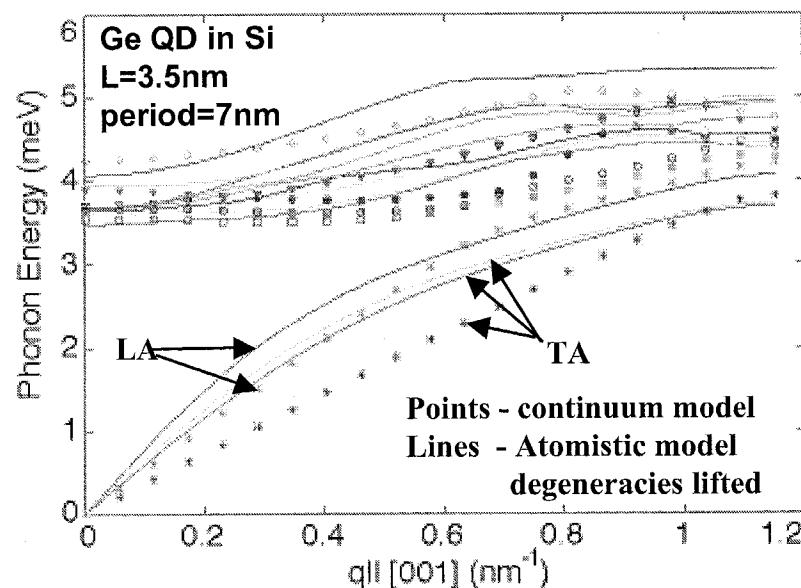
- Decoherence mechanism.
- Effects on thermal and electronic conductivity.
- Creation of nano-coolers and high efficient thermoelectric generators

## Approach:

- Compute phonon spectrum within atomistic Keating model in NEMO 3-D
- Realistically extended structure.
- Including strain.

## Status:

- The serial version implemented in NEMO 3-D
- Tests on bulk Si and Ge phonon dispersions
- Comparison of atomistic and continuum approaches for phonon spectra of QDs arrays
- Studied effect of strain
- Continuum theory breakdown for even number of monolayers ( $T_d$  symmetry), atomic model handles  $O_d$  and  $T_d$  symmetry)





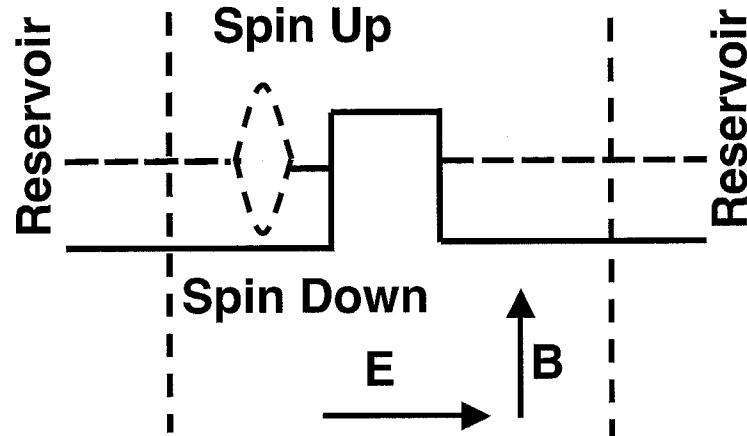
# Spin Dynamics and Spin Transport with Non Equilibrium Green Functions

## Objective

- Simulate spin transport across interfaces
- Simulate spin transport between qubits

## Challenge

- Simulate spin transport on equal footing with spin relaxation, decoherence and precession



## Approach

- Non equilibrium Green function formalism
- Extend NEMO to fully time dependent problems including magnetic field and spin relaxation and decoherence

## Status

Established formalism for non-equilibrium transport with spin precession in magnetic field

$$G_{00}^{<0}(t,t') = g_{00}^{<0}(t-t') M^<(t,t')$$

$g_{00}^{<0}(t-t')$  Spinless Surface Green Function

$$M^<(t,t') = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \frac{\omega_L t}{2} \cos \frac{\omega_L t'}{2} & -i \cos \frac{\omega_L t}{2} \sin \frac{\omega_L t'}{2} \\ i \sin \frac{\omega_L t}{2} \cos \frac{\omega_L t'}{2} & \sin \frac{\omega_L t}{2} \sin \frac{\omega_L t'}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$



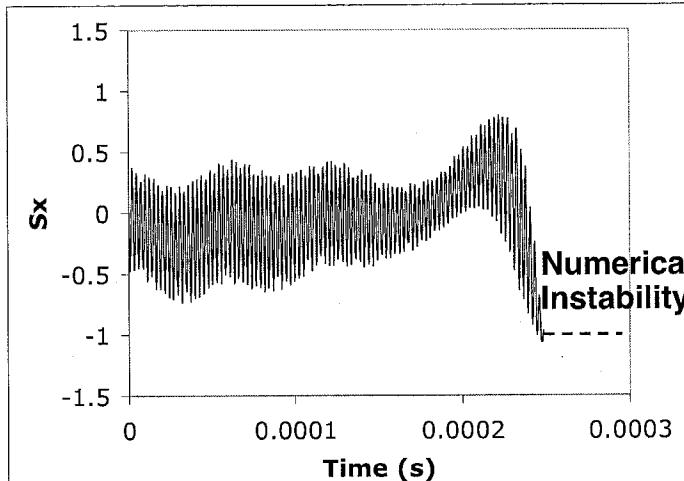
# Hyperfine Interaction Induced Electron Spin Decoherence

## Objective

Simulate electron spin decoherence due to hyperfine interaction with nuclei.

## Challenge

1. Overcome divergence in second order perturbation term (*A. Khaetskii, D. Loss and L. Glazman, PRB 67, 195329, 2003*).
2. Include external magnetic field.



## Approach

Explicit solution of the equations of motion for the average electronic and nuclear spins and for the correlation functions.

### Hyperfine Hamiltonian

$$H_{HF} = \sum_j A_j \mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{I}_j$$

$$A_j = \frac{2}{3} \mu_0 \gamma_e \gamma_N |\psi(R_j)|^2$$

$$\partial_t \langle S_\alpha \rangle = - \sum_{j=1}^N A_j \epsilon_{\alpha\beta\gamma} \langle S_\beta I_{j\gamma} \rangle$$

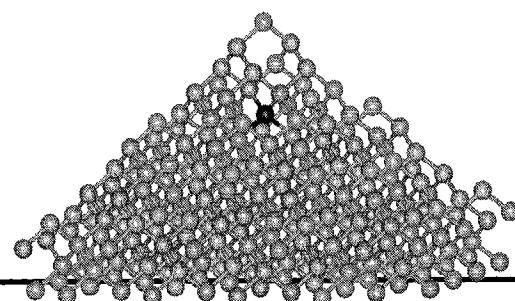
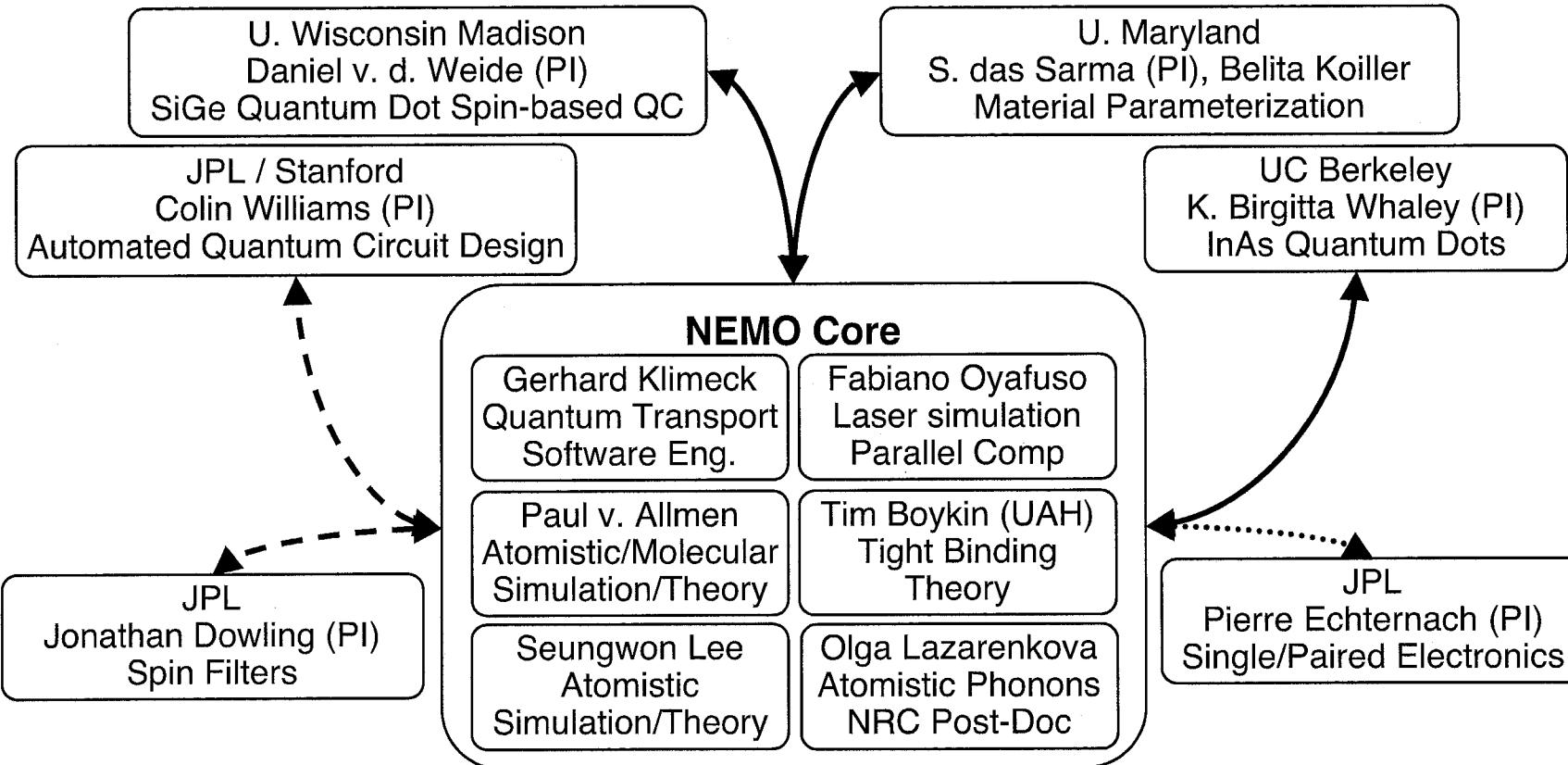
$$\partial_t \langle I_{j\alpha} \rangle = - A_j \epsilon_{\alpha\beta\gamma} \langle I_{j\beta} S_\gamma \rangle$$

$$\partial_t \langle S_\alpha I_{n\alpha'} \rangle = - \sum_{j=1}^N A_j \epsilon_{\alpha\beta\gamma} \langle S_\beta I_{j\gamma} I_{n\alpha'} \rangle - A_j \epsilon_{\alpha'\beta\gamma} \langle S_\alpha I_{j\beta} S_\gamma \rangle$$



# Collaborations -> Impact on Quantum Computing

We are here to learn!





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# Backup

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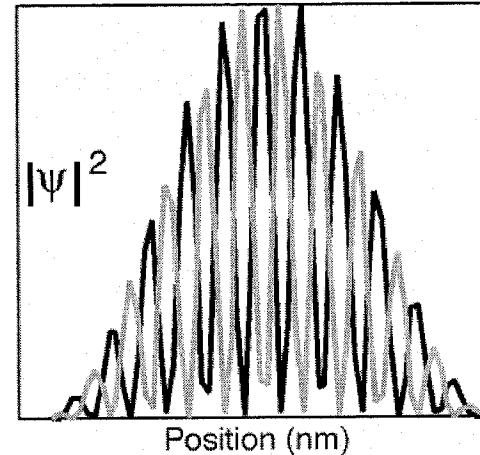
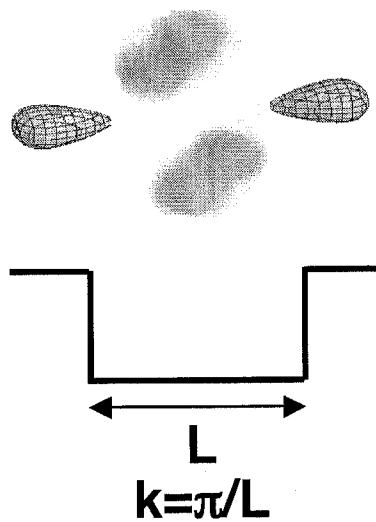
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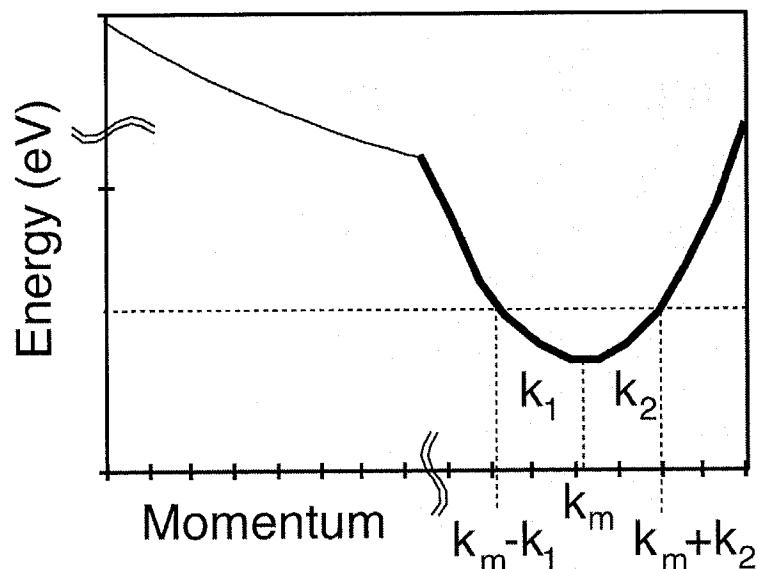


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# 1D Confinement Creates Valley Splitting:



Valley Splitting  $\Delta E \sim 1\text{meV}$



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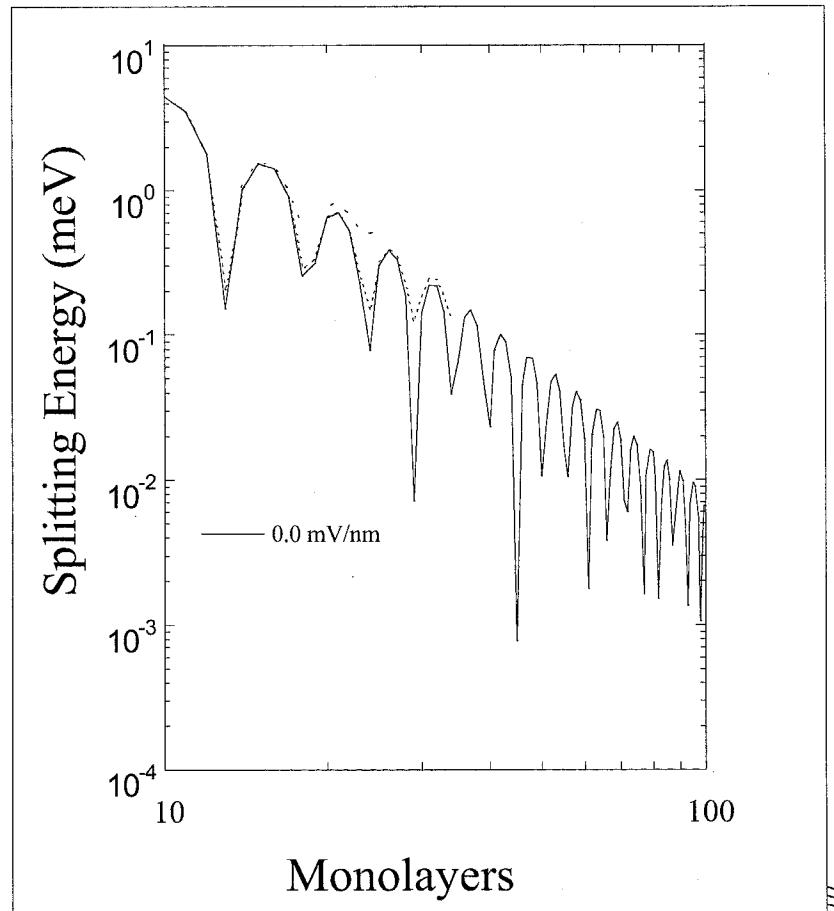




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# Splitting Behavior With Quantum Well Width

- Strained Si QW, Hardwall BCs
- Oscillations with Monolayers (decay as  $ML^{-3}$ )



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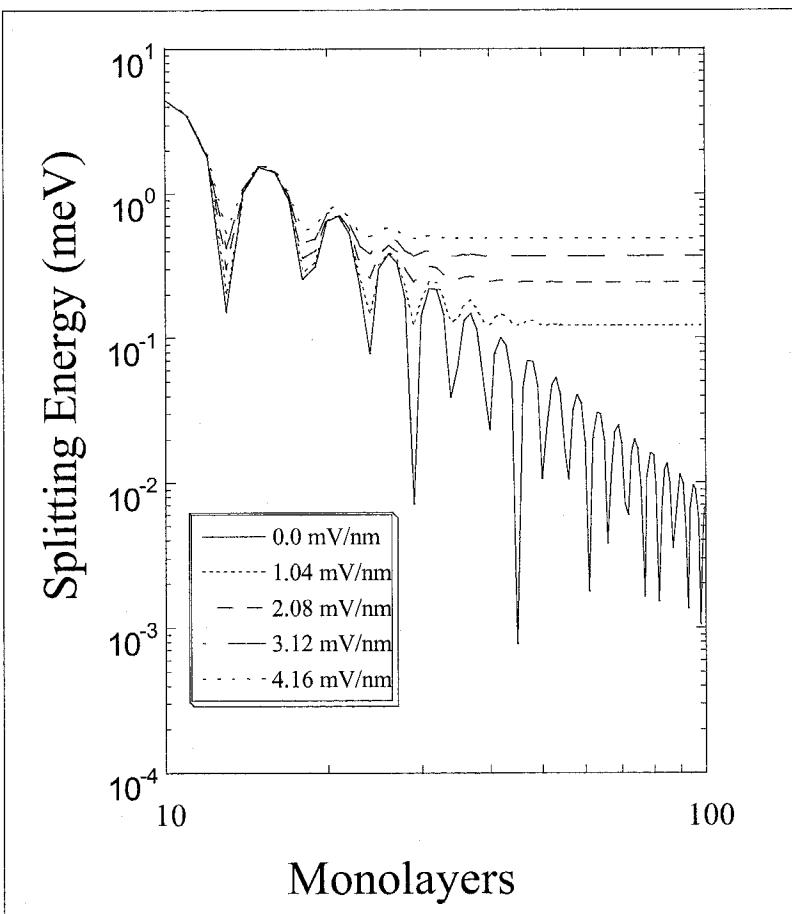
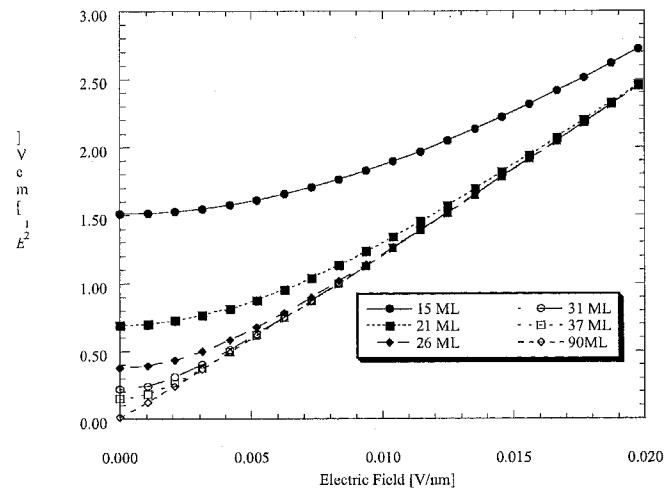
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# Splitting Behavior With Quantum Well Width and Electric Field

- Strained Si QW, Hardwall BCs
- Oscillations with Monolayers
- Oscillations decay with increasing Field
- Decay significant once drop/ML is of order zero-field splitting
- For fixed  $L$ , splitting linear at high field, nonlinear at low field



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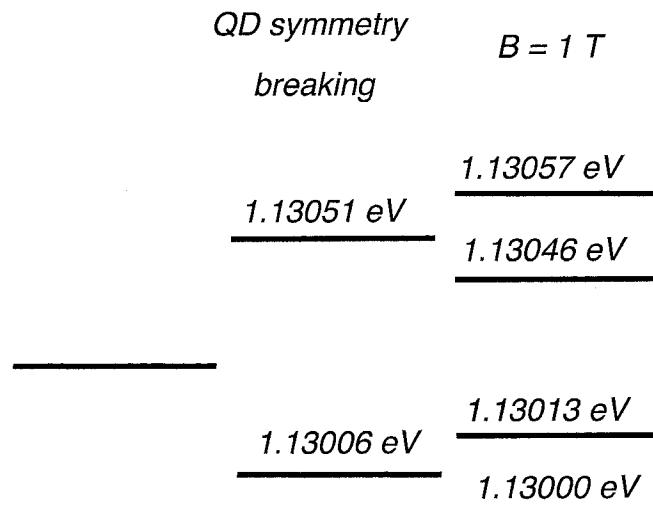
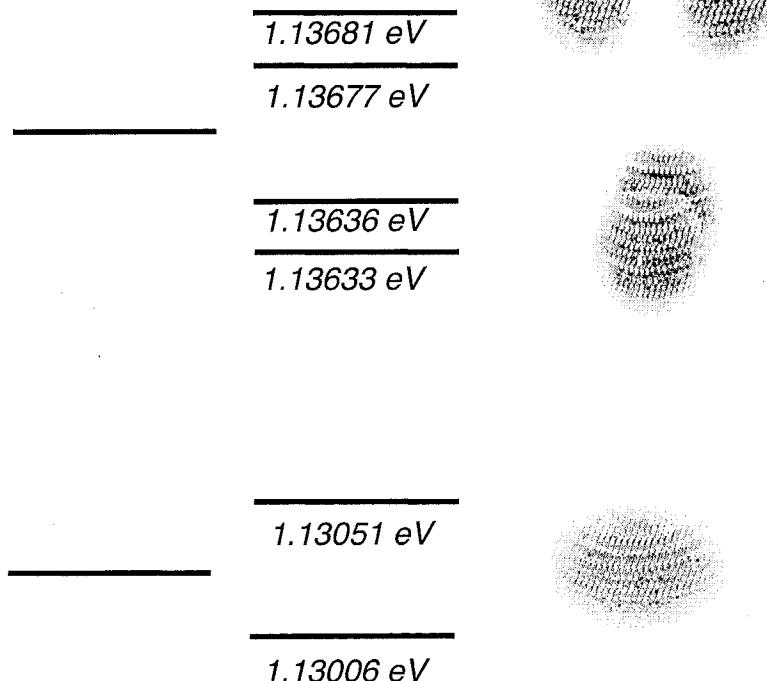
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## Relative Size of State Splitting 3-D Electronic structure of low-lying states

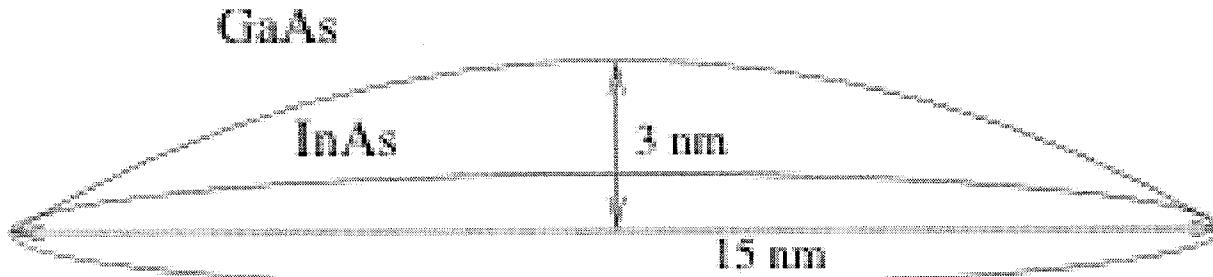
- Valley splitting due to breaking of translational invariance is typically smaller than splitting due to confinement ( $\sim 0.5$  meV)
- Even with a large  $B=1.0\text{T}$ , Zeeman splitting is much smaller than valley splitting ( $\sim 0.12$  meV).





# Model for InAs self-assembled dot

- System geometry



- **Strain profile model:** Atomic elasticity model

[P. N. Keating, Phys. Rev. B **145**, 637 (1966)]

Strain energy as a function of bond length and bond angle.

GaAs strained buffer is 15nm in all directions (total of 2,764,600 atoms).

- **Electronic structure model:** Tight-binding Hamiltonian

Basis orbitals:  $sp^3d^5$   $s^*$ , parameters generated by a genetic algorithm.

Matrix Size :  $2,090,880 = 104,544$  atoms X 10 basis orbitals X 2 spins

- **Eigenvalue solver:** Arnoldi method with PARPACK

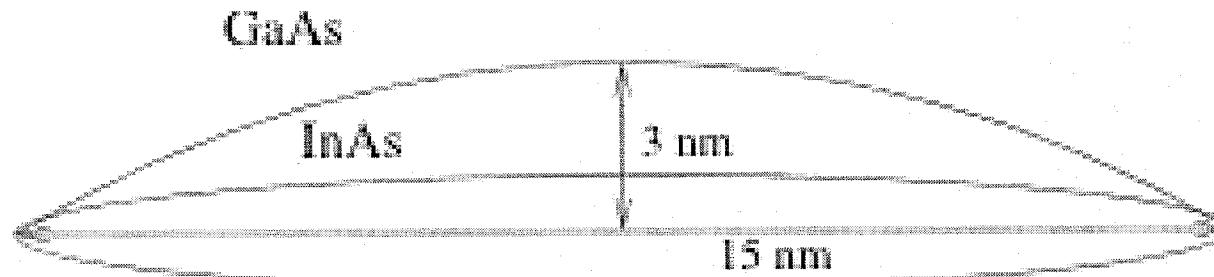
Computation on a Beowulf cluster with 30 nodes.

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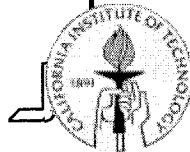
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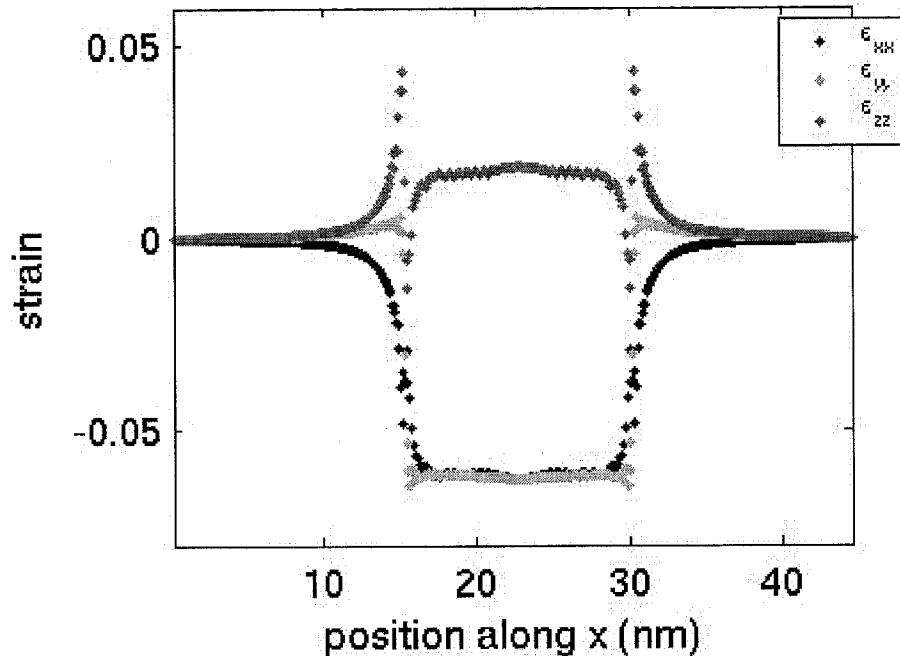
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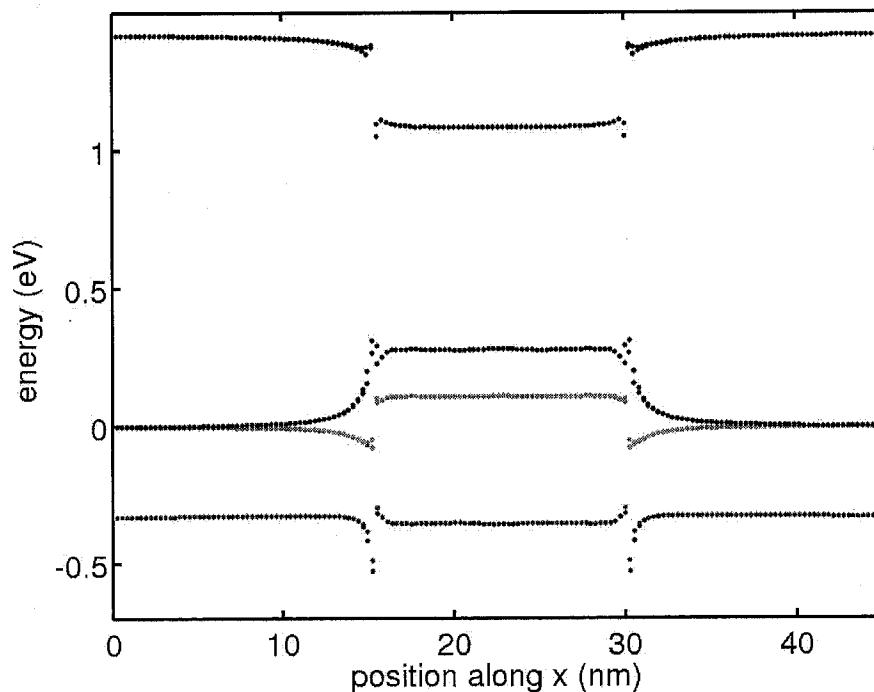




## Strain Profile

Inside InAs dot,

- Compressive strain in x-y plane.
- Stretching strain in growth direction.



## Band Profile

Inside InAs dot,

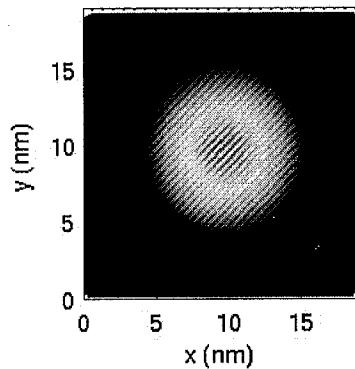
- Conduction-band edge shifts up from 0.6 eV to 1.1 eV.
- Valence-band edge shifts up from 0.22 eV to 0.28 eV.
- Strain splits heavy-hole and light-hole bands by 0.17 eV.



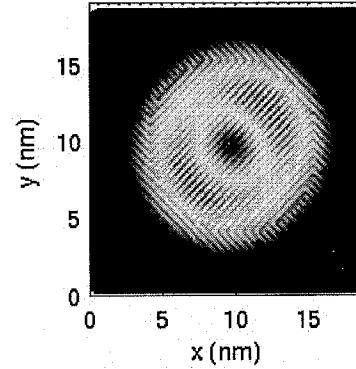
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# Charge Distribution of Electron and Hole States

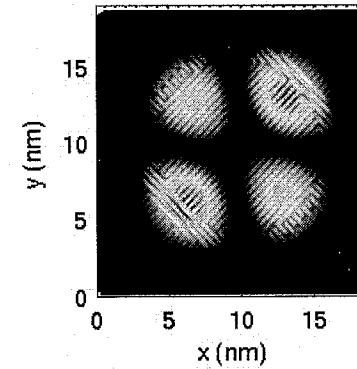
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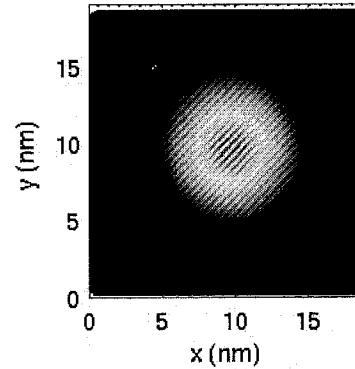
2nd Electron ( $L=1$ )



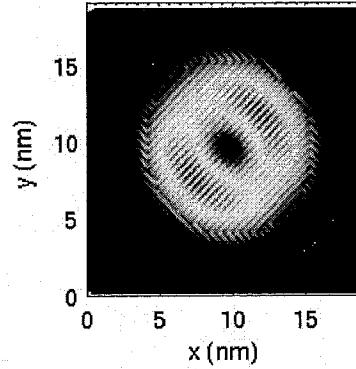
3rd Electron ( $L=2$ )



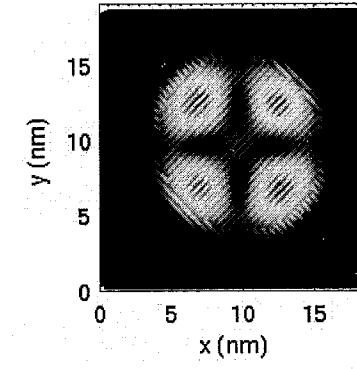
1st Hole ( $L=0$ )



2nd Hole ( $L=1$ )



3rd Hole ( $L=2$ )



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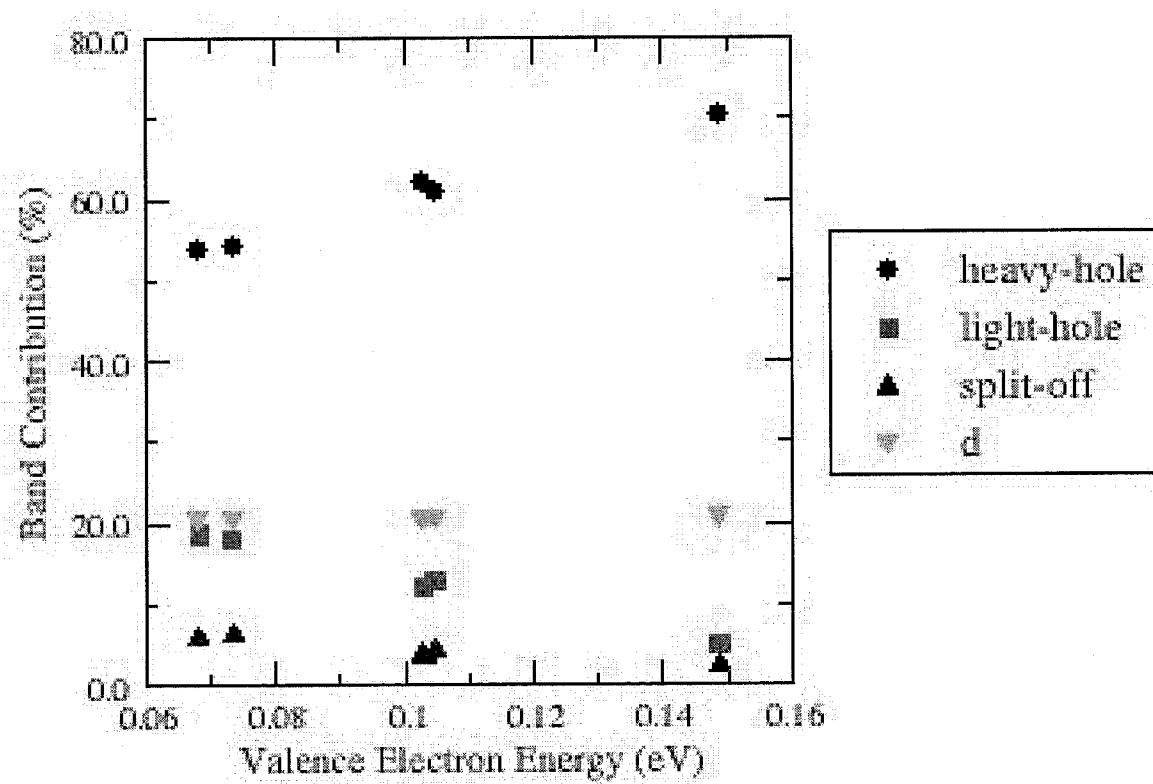
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# Band Origin of Hole Levels

- The lowest hole level is mainly from heavy-hole and d bands.
- Light-hole band contribution increases as the hole energy increases.
- d-band contribution is constant ~20%.





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# Tight-binding model for magneto-optical response

- Gauge-invariant modification of tight-binding Hamiltonian

[M. Graf and P. Vogl , Phys. Rev. B **51**, 4940 (1995) ]

$$\epsilon_i = \epsilon_i^0 + \mu_B B \cdot \sigma \quad \text{Onsite interaction}$$

$$t_{ij} = t_{ij}^0 \exp\left(-\frac{ie}{\hbar c} \int_{R_j}^{R_i} A \cdot dr\right) \quad \text{Nearest-neighbor interaction}$$

- Absorption rate between conduction and valence levels

[S. Lee et al., Phys. Rev. B **66**, 235307 (2002)]

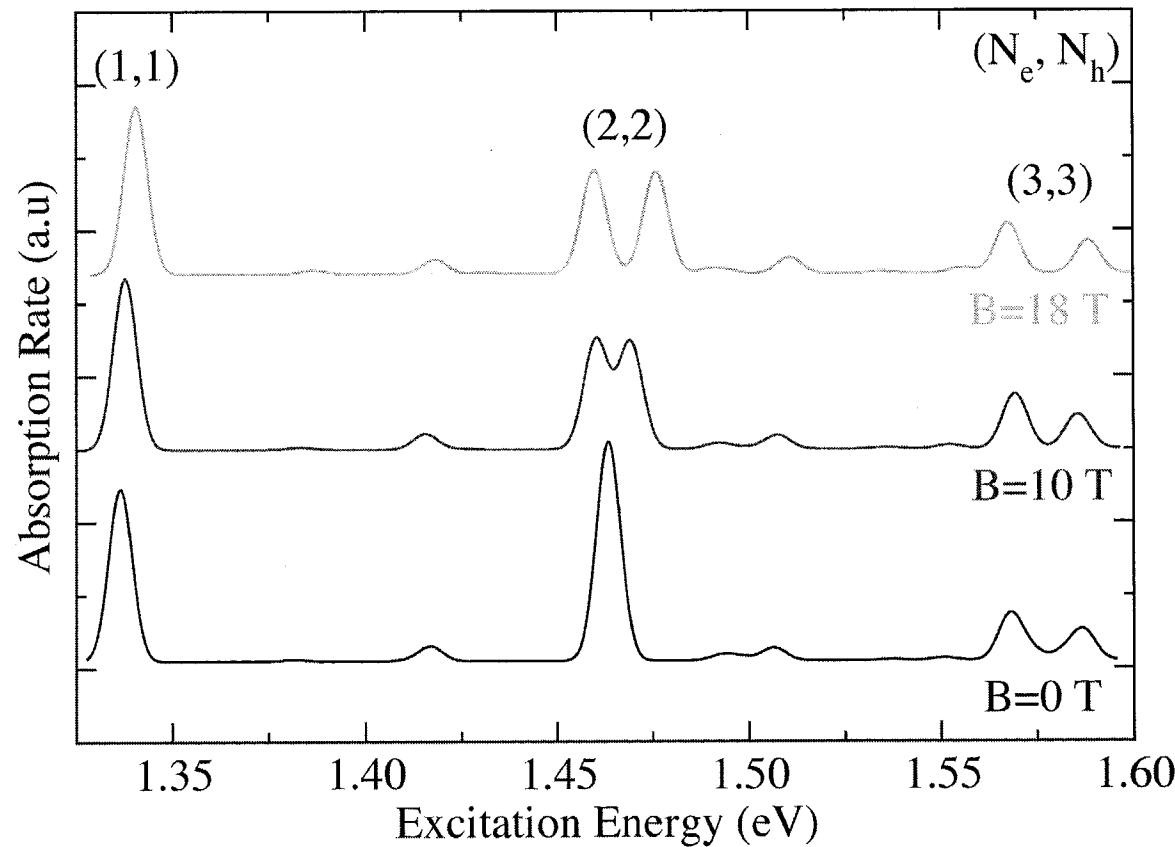
$$\Gamma(E) = \frac{2\pi}{\hbar} |\langle c | \hat{r} | v \rangle|^2 \delta(E_c - E_v - E)$$

$$\langle c | \hat{r} | v \rangle = \sum_{ij} c_j^* v_i [\hat{r}_i \delta_{ij} + \langle j | \delta \hat{r}_i | i \rangle]$$

# Magneto-Optical Response

- Selective dipole coupling between electron and hole levels.
- The selectivity remains intact even at a high magnetic field.

$$\Delta L = 0 \text{ & } \Delta j = 1$$





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# Hyperfine Interaction

## Hyperfine Hamiltonian

$$\begin{aligned} H_{HF} &= \frac{16\pi}{3} \sum_j \mu_B \mu_j \delta(r - R_j) (\mathbf{I}_j \cdot \mathbf{S}) \\ &= \frac{16\pi}{3} \sum_j \mu_B \mu_j |\Psi(R_j)|^2 (\mathbf{I}_j \cdot \mathbf{S}) \\ &= \sum_j A_j \mathbf{I}_j \cdot \mathbf{S} \equiv g_e \mu_B \mathbf{B}_N \cdot \mathbf{S} \end{aligned}$$

## Hyperfine coupling constant

$$A_j = \frac{16\pi}{3} \mu_B \mu_j |\Psi(R_j)|^2$$

## Effective nuclear magnetic field

$$\mathbf{B}_N = \frac{1}{g_e \mu_B} \sum_j A_j \mathbf{I}_j$$

## Electron precession frequency

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_e &= g_e \mu_B \mathbf{B}_N / \hbar \\ &= \sum_j A_j \mathbf{I}_j / \hbar \end{aligned}$$

## Nuclear precession frequency

$$\omega_j = A_j S / \hbar$$

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## Spin Dephasing in an Ensemble of Dots

- Effective nuclear magnetic field ( $B_N$ ) is randomly distributed.
- Electron spin of each dot precesses with different  $\omega_e$ .
- This leads to ensemble average spin dephasing.

$$T_2^* \sim 1/\sqrt{\langle \omega_e^2 \rangle}$$

## Spin Decoherence in a Single Dot

- Hyperfine coupling constant ( $A_j$ ) is non-uniform.
- Each nuclear spin precesses with different frequency  $\omega_j$ .
- This leads to electron spin decoherence.

$$T_2 \sim 1/\sqrt{\langle \omega_j^2 \rangle}$$

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# Electron Spin Correlator

Hamiltonian with external magnetic field and nuclear hyperfine field

$$\begin{aligned} H &= g_e \mu_B B \cdot S + \sum_j A_j I_j \cdot S = g_e \mu_B (B + B_N) \cdot S \\ &= g_e \mu_B (B_z + B_{Nz}) S + \frac{1}{2} \sum_j A_j (I_j^+ S^- + I_j^- S^+) \\ &= \hbar \omega_e S + \sum_j \hbar \omega_j (I_j^+ S^- + I_j^- S^+) \end{aligned}$$

Electron and nuclear state

$$|\Psi(t)\rangle \approx |\uparrow\downarrow_e, \{I_{jz}\}\rangle - \sum_j \frac{\omega_j}{\omega_e + \omega_j} (1 - e^{-i(\omega_e t + \omega_j t)}) I_j^+ |\downarrow\downarrow_e, \{I_{jz}\}\rangle$$

Electron spin correlator

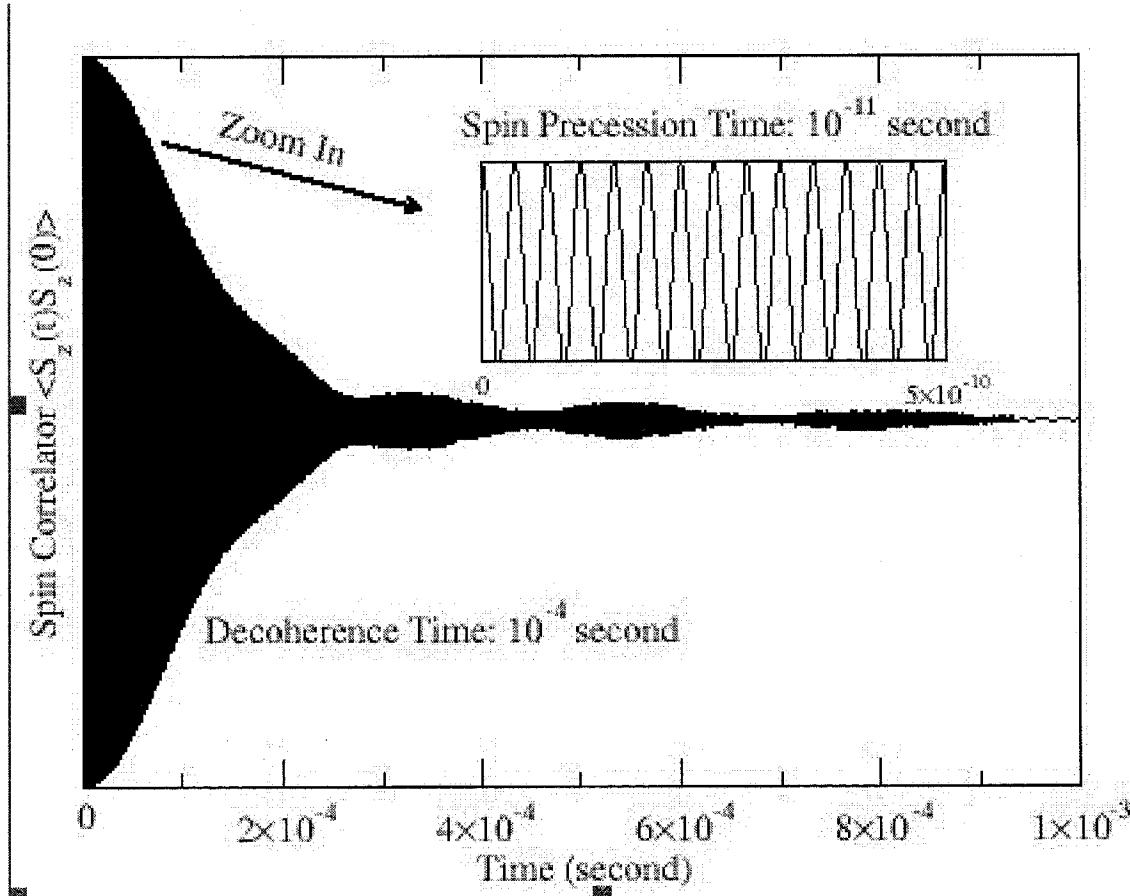
$$\langle \Psi(t) | S_z(t) S_z(0) | \Psi(t) \rangle = \frac{1}{4} \left[ 1 - \sum_j \frac{2\omega_j^2}{(\omega_e + \omega_j)^2} (1 - \cos(\omega_e t + \omega_j t)) \langle \{I_{jz}\} | I_j^- I_j^+ | \{I_{jz}\} \rangle \right]$$



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# Electron Spin Decoherence and Dephasing

- Electron precession time  $T_p \sim 10^{-11}$  s with  $B=1$  T.
- Electron spin decoherence time  $T_2 \sim 10^{-4}$  s.
- Electron spin dephasing time  $T_2^* \sim 10^{-8}$  s.



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## Summary

### Theoretical Approach

- ✓ **Nearest-neighbor  $sp^3d^5s^*$  tight-binding model for electronic structure.**
- ✓ **Atomic elasticity model (Keating Model) for strain.**
- ✓ **Spin correlator for electron spin decoherence.**

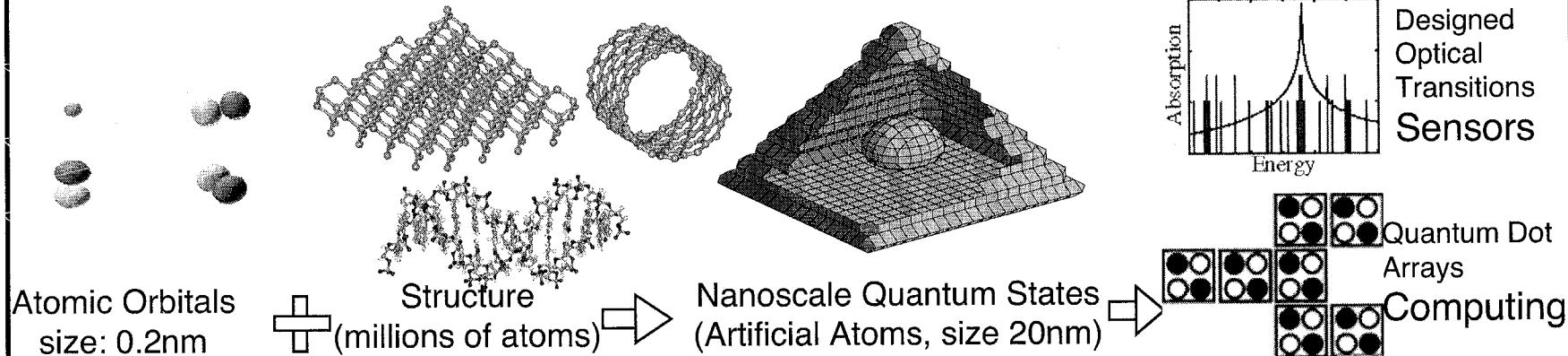
### Main Results

- ✓ **Inside the dot, strain shifts up conduction-band edge and splits heavy- and light-hole bands.**
- ✓ **Effective electron g-factors are between 2 and 3.5.**
- ✓ **Magnetic field couples closely-spaced hole levels.**
- ✓ **Dipole interaction selectively couples electron and hole levels, and the selective coupling remains intact even at high magnetic fields.**
- ✓ **Nuclear hyperfine interaction leads to  $T_2 = 10^{-4}$  s and  $T_2^* = 10^{-8}$  s.**



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# NEMO: Nanoelectronic Modeling Agenda



## Problem:

Nanoscale device simulation requirements:

- Cannot use bulk / jellium descriptions, need description of the material atom by atom  
=> use pseudo-potential or local orbitals
- Consider finite extent, not infinitely periodic  
=> local orbital approach
- Need at minimum one million atoms.  
=> need massively parallel computers
- The design space is huge: choice of materials, compositions, doping, size, shape.  
=> **need a design tool**

## Approach:

- Leverage NEMO 1-D:
  - 25 person years at TI / Raytheon
  - 250,000 lines of code.
- Use local orbital description for individual atoms in arbitrary crystal / bonding conf.
  - Use s, p, and d orbitals
  - Use genetic algorithm for fitting
- Compute mechanical strain in the system.
- Develop parallel algorithms to generate eigenvalues/vectors of very large matrices ( $N=3.2 \times 10^8$  for a 16 million atom system).
- Develop prototype GUI for (NEMO-3D)

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# Tight Binding Material Parameterization

## Bulk Semiconductors are described by:

- Conduction and valence bands, bandgaps (direct, indirect), effective masses
- 10-30 physically measurable quantities

## Tight Binding Models are described by:

- Orbital interaction energies.
- 15-30 theoretical parameters

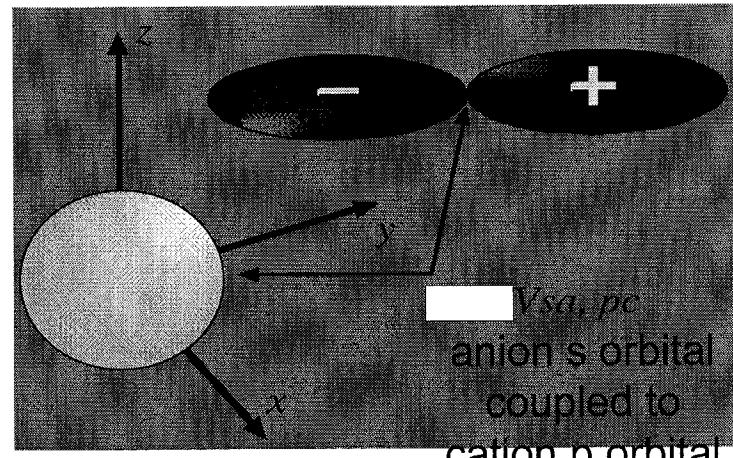
## Analytical approach:

- Exact diagonalization at  $\Gamma$  for  $sp^3d^5s^*$
- Formulas developed by Tim Boykin at UAH for effective masses and bandgaps from interaction energies

## Numerical approach:

- Use a genetic algorithm to do fitting.

- Match experimental data in various electron transport areas of the Brillouin zone:
  - Effective masses of electrons at  $\Gamma$ , X and L
  - Effective masses of holes at  $\Gamma$
  - Band edges at  $\Gamma$ , X and L

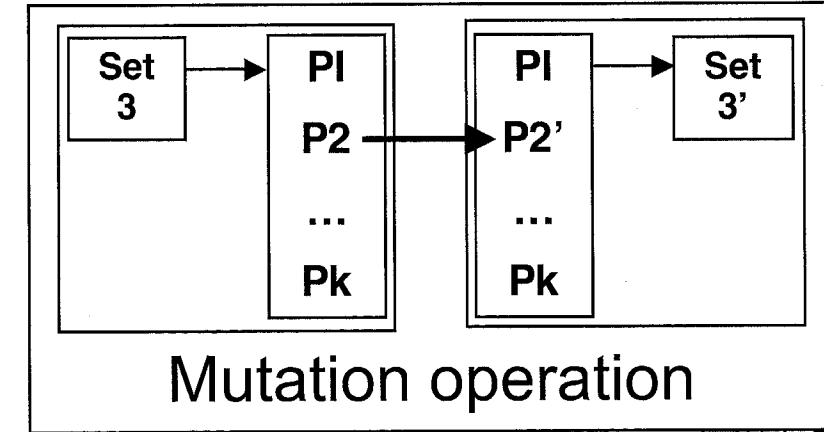
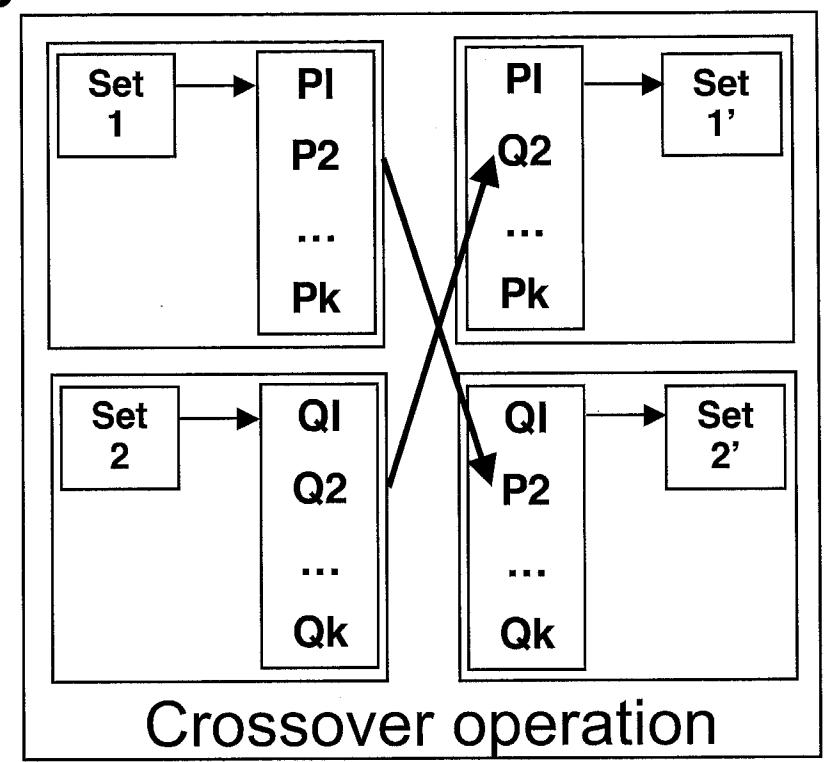
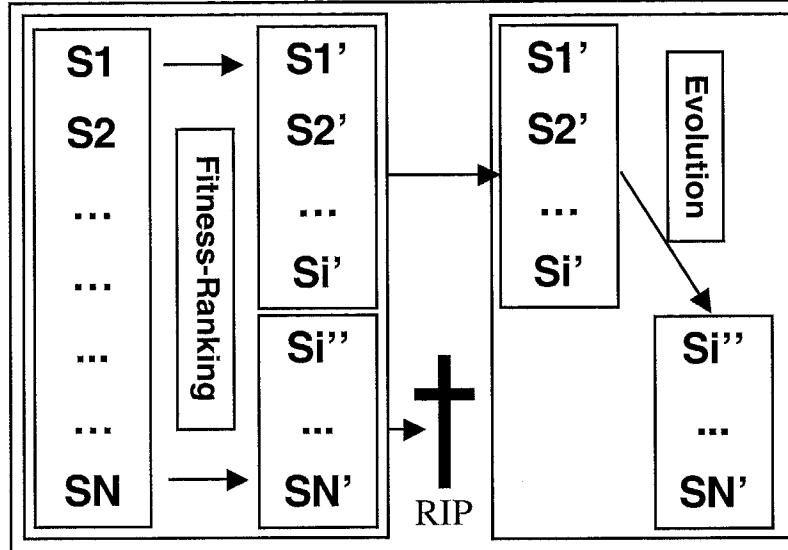


15-30 theoretical interaction energies



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# Genetic Algorithm



- Genetic algorithm parameter optimization is based on:
  - Survival of good parameter sets
  - Evolution of new parameter sets
  - Persistence of diversity (ensures global exploration)

- Basic Operations:
  - Crossover – gross exploration
  - Mutation – fine tuning

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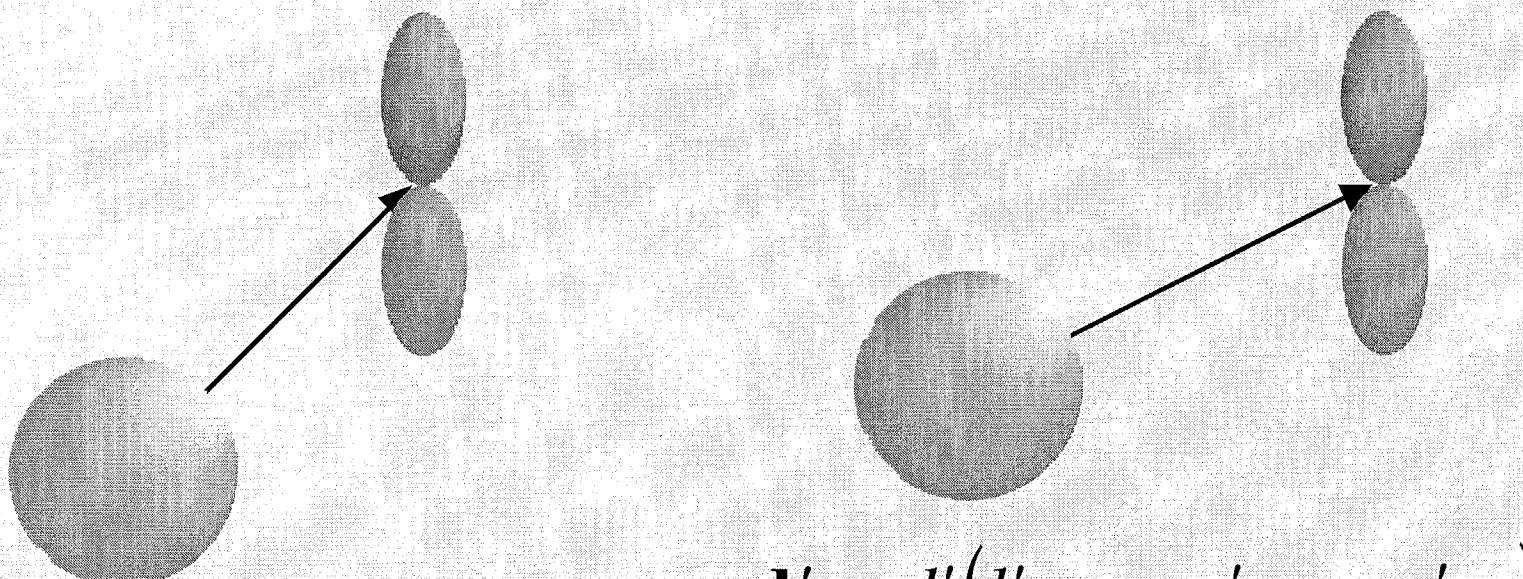
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## Modeling Strain *Bond Lengths and Angles Change*



$$\mathbf{d} = d(l\mathbf{e}_x + m\mathbf{e}_y + n\mathbf{e}_z)$$

$$E_{sa,zc} = nV_{sa,pc\sigma}$$

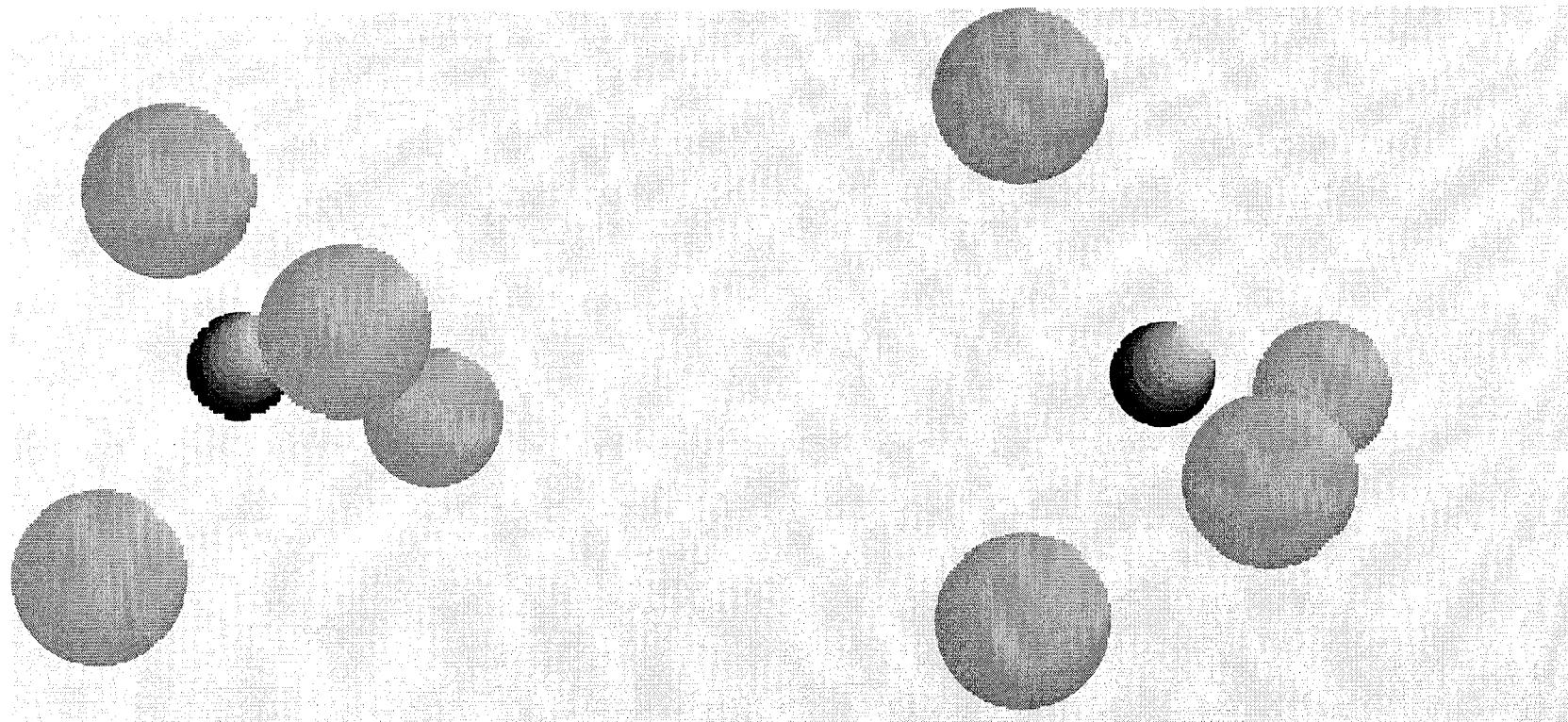
$$\mathbf{d}' = d'(l'\mathbf{e}_x + m'\mathbf{e}_y + n'\mathbf{e}_z)$$

$$E_{sa,zc} = n'V_{sa,p\omega} \left(\frac{d}{d'}\right)^{\eta}$$



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# Distortions: Regular and Irregular



*Unstrained*

*Irregular distortion*

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# On-site Parameters Change

- Overlaps of true atomic orbitals change due to altered bond angles, lengths
- Must compute new orthonormal basis – use Lowdin procedure
- Need new overlaps – use Harrison's form

$$S_{(n',\mu'),(n,\mu)} = K_{(n',\mu'),(n,\mu)} \frac{v_{(n',\mu'),(n,\mu)}}{\epsilon_{(n',\mu')}^{(0)} + \epsilon_{(n,\mu)}^{(0)}}$$

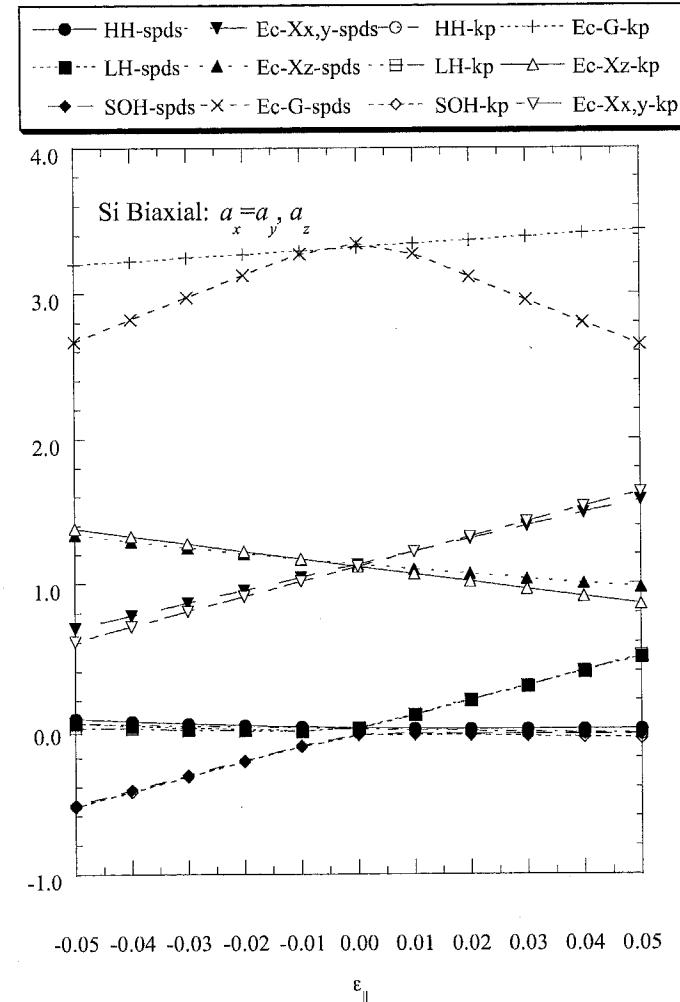
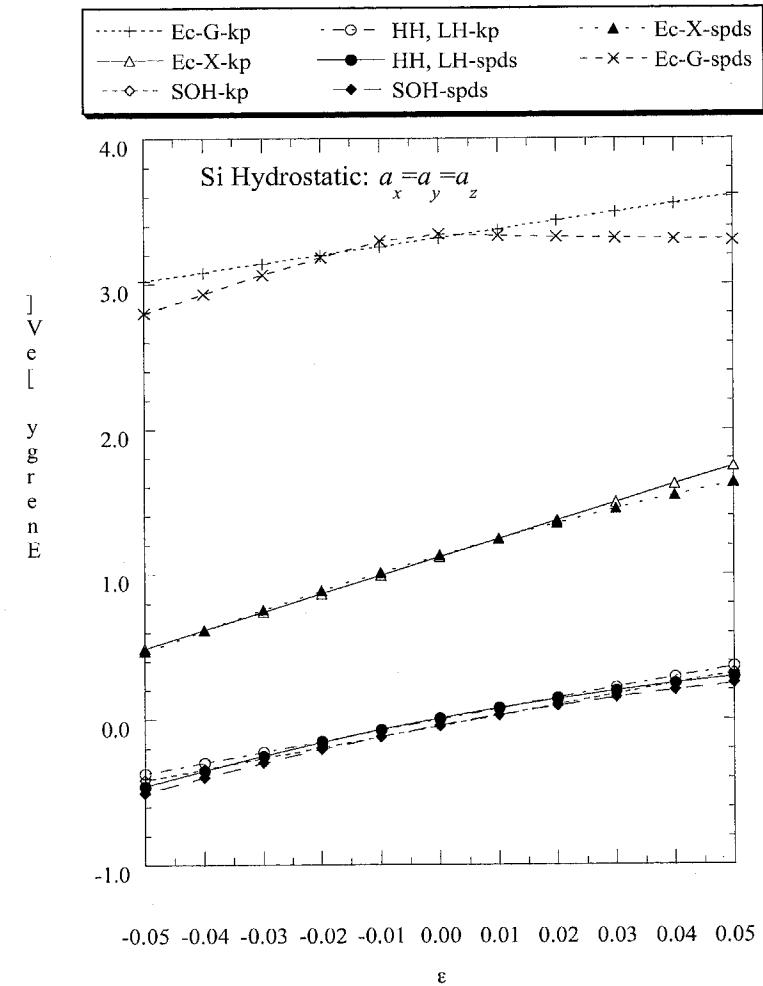
- Gives new nearest-neighbor parameters
- ALSO give new On-Site parameters
- New fitting parameters, C, which characterize changed overlaps
- Procedure valid for arbitrary displacements
- End result is...

$$\epsilon'_{i,\alpha} = \epsilon_{i,\alpha} + \sum_{\substack{j,\beta \\ j \in NN-i}} C_{(j,\beta),(i,\alpha)} \frac{v_{(j,\beta),(i,\alpha)}^2 - v'_{(j,\beta),(i,\alpha)}^2}{\epsilon_{j,\beta} + \epsilon_{i,\alpha}}$$



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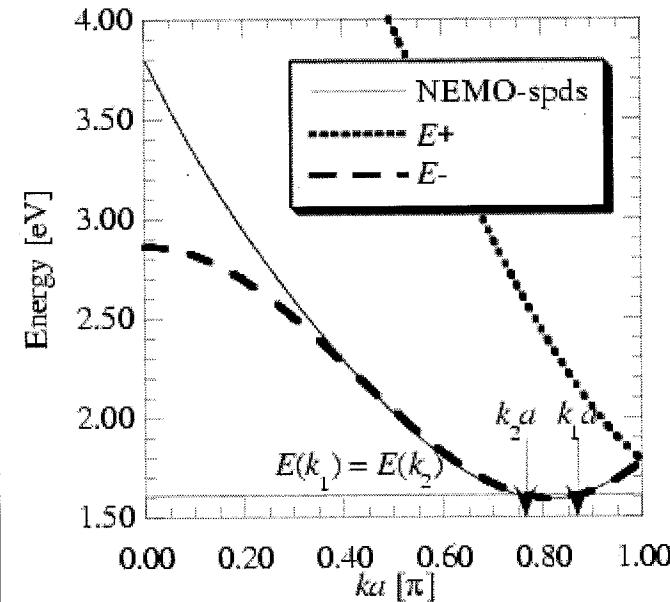
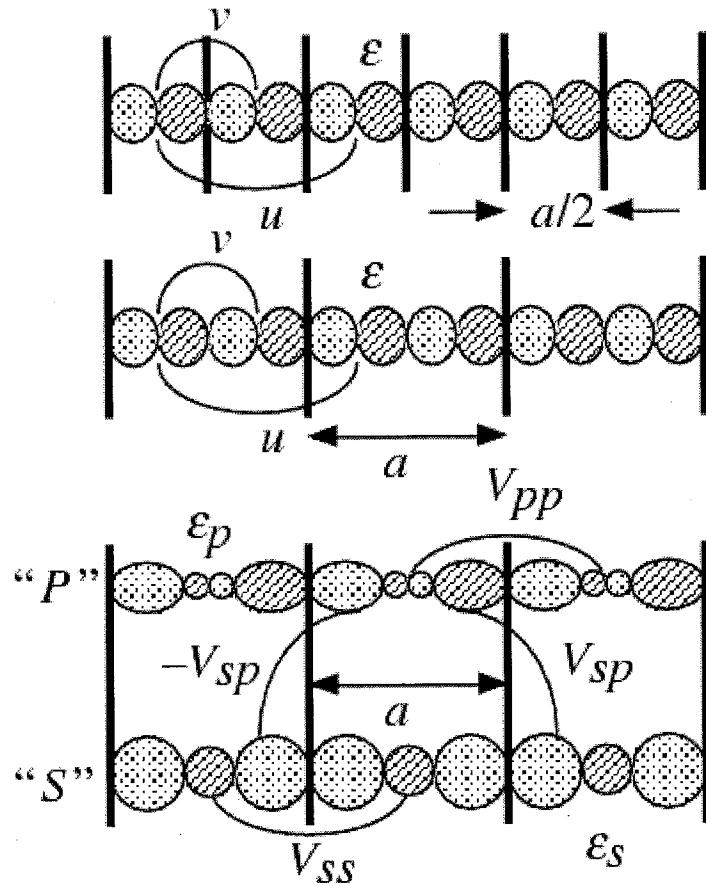
# Si: Strain Behavior





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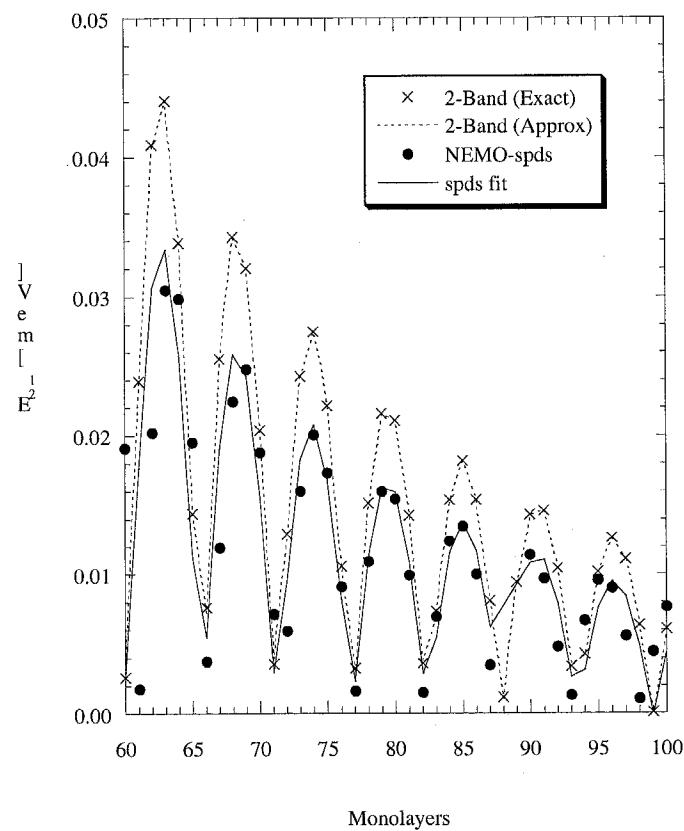
# Analytical Model: 1-band and 2-band tight binding



# Splitting: 2-Band and spds

- Zero field splitting oscillates with  $L$
- Strained Si QW, hardwall BCs
- Calculated with NEMO and 2-Band
- Minima occur when phase-matching of the 2 states are nearly the same at interfaces
- Splitting follows same functional form for both ( $S = \text{no. atoms}$ ):

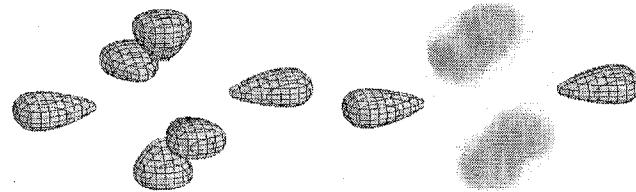
$$E_{21} \approx \frac{16\pi^2 u}{(S+2)^3} [\sin[(S+2)\phi_0] \sin(\phi_0), \quad \sin(\phi_0) = \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{v}{4u}\right)^2}$$



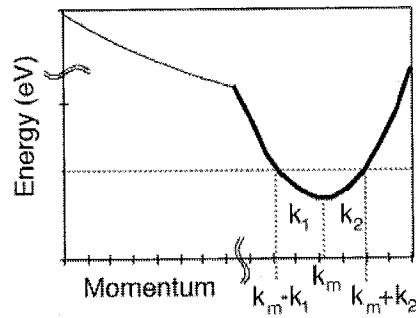
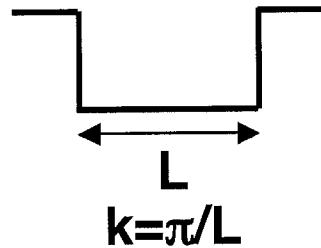


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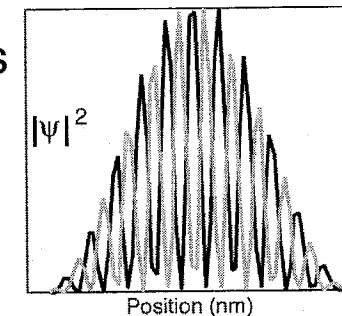
- Bi-axial strain on Si. Lifting 4 of the 6 degenerate valleys  $\Delta E > 100 \text{ meV}$



- Confinement in 1D: Valley Splitting  $\Delta E \sim 1 \text{ meV}$



4 propagating states  
↓  
2 bound states  
 $k_{1/2}$  envelope  
 $k_m$  fast oscillations



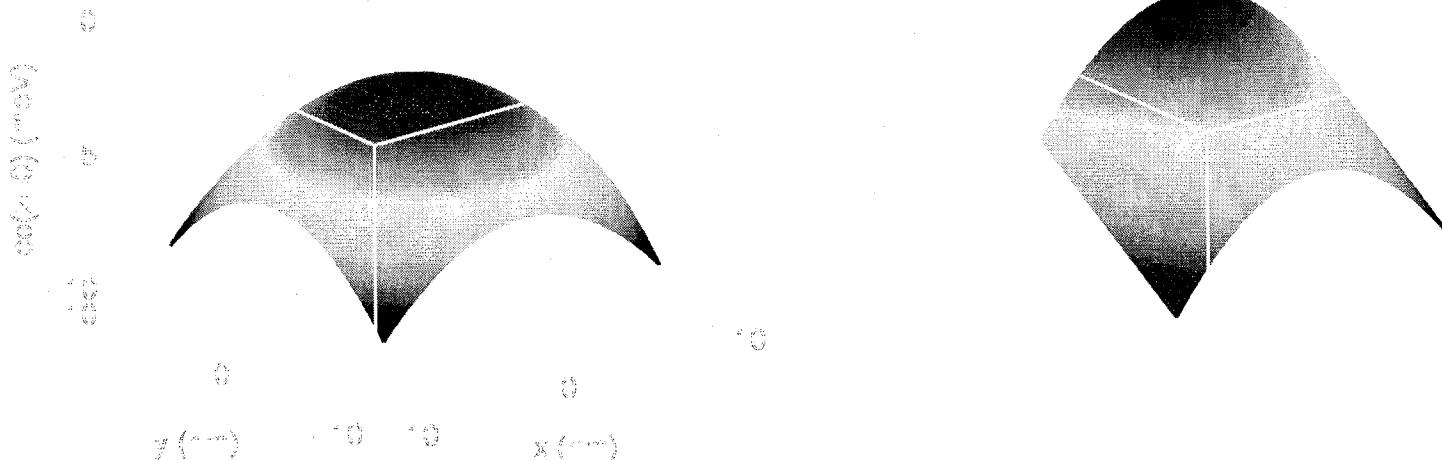
- Confinement in 3D: (1D heterostr. & 2D lat gates & mag. field)

- Conclusions



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# 1D Heterostructure Confinement 2D Electrostatic confinement in Si QW



- **Geometry:**

- 5nm quantum well lattice-matched to  $\text{Si}_{0.2}\text{Ge}_{0.8}$  (0.8% tensile strain)
- non-zero field along z and lateral electrostatic confinement.
- Rescaled problem size from ( $5 \times 10^4$  atoms) WI group

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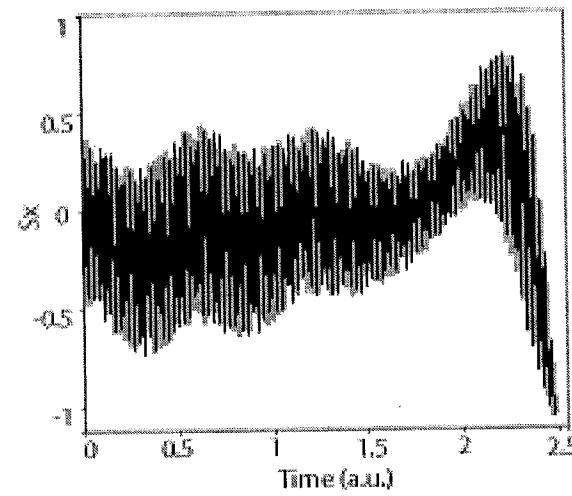
## Hyperfine Interaction Induced Electron Spin Decoherence

### Objective

Simulate electron spin decoherence due to hyperfine interaction with nuclei

### Challenge

Develop alternative method to perturbational approach previously used: avoid divergence in second order perturbation term.



### Approach

Explicit solution of the equations of motion for the average electronic and nuclear spins and for the correlation functions.

$$\begin{aligned} H_{HF} &= -\frac{2}{3}\mu_0\gamma_e\gamma_N \sum_j |\psi(R_j)|^2 \mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{I}_j \\ &= -\gamma_e \mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{B}_N \\ &= -\gamma_N \sum_j \mathbf{I}_j \cdot \mathbf{B}_j \end{aligned}$$

Details to be discussed at the poster with Paul von Allmen

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t \langle \mathbf{S} \rangle &= \gamma \langle \mathbf{S} \times \mathbf{B}_N \rangle \\ \partial_t \langle \mathbf{I}_j \rangle &= \gamma \langle \mathbf{I}_j \times \mathbf{B}_j \rangle \\ \partial_t \langle \mathbf{S}_x \mathbf{I}_{jx} \rangle &= \gamma \left( B_{Nz} \langle \mathbf{S}_y \mathbf{I}_{jx} \rangle - B_{Ny} \langle \mathbf{S}_z \mathbf{I}_{jx} \rangle \right) \\ &\quad + \gamma_N \left( B_{jz} \langle \mathbf{S}_x \mathbf{I}_{jy} \rangle - B_{jy} \langle \mathbf{S}_x \mathbf{I}_{jz} \rangle \right) \end{aligned}$$